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JAPAN THE INJURED INNOCENT

Prejudices abroad have prevented a fair understanding of the Far Eastern situation, declares the "Japan Times," which is the organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper affirms that the policy of Japan is one of "hakko ichi aye" which means "an harmonious world under one heaven."

The newspaper complains of America's pursuit of a policy consistently imperialistic, and says that no volume of moral impeachments on her part can offset the evidence of America's spreading domination.

Adding that Washington has extended its influence far from the new world into territory of other peoples, the newspaper urges the American people to re-examine the policy which designs and attempted punishment of all foreign countries which do not line up with American power politics. Japan has worked consistently to keep peace in the Far East and has the right to live in peace and cooperation with the territories around it.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING EXPECTS SHOWDOWN

With Germany bogged in Russia, it is believed in many quarters in Chungking that Britain and the United States may turn their full attention to the Far East.

These quarters point to the many indications that a showdown is being forced with Japan, such as the freezing of Japanese assets, the abrogation of commercial agreements, further American oil restrictions, the arrival of large British forces in Malaya and Burma, and the strengthening of the American defences in the Philippines. IF THIS SHOWDOWN SHOULD COME IN THE PACIFIC, COMPETENT CHINESE OBSERVERS PREDICT THAT THE OUTCOME IS LIKELY TO BE DETERMINED WITHIN A YEAR.

Meanwhile, the Chinese military position has been greatly strengthened with the continual arrival of American and Soviet supplies. While official quarters decline to make any comment, it is learn-

French Troops In Southern Region Ordered North

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FROM FREEZING

The Tokyo Finance Ministry states that whereas the Japanese Government has been informed that Japanese diplomatic and consular services in Britain and Australia have been exempted from the assets freezing regulations, the same consideration will be extended by Japan to British and Australians, effective from to-day.—Reuter.

N.E.I. Licence Approval

The Netherlands East Indies authorities have agreed to extend export licences to Japan such as oil, rubber and tin, payment arrangements for which had been settled prior to the N.E.I.'s action in freezing Japanese assets, says a Japanese report.

Japanese residents in the Netherlands East Indies who are affected by the freezing order, are reported as being allowed to withdraw part of their accounts to cover payments of salaries, telegram fees and rentals upon presentation of detailed claims to their banks.—Reuter.

ed from well-informed sources that not only American aircraft and volunteer pilots, but also Soviet artillery, aircraft and volunteer pilots are arriving in China in large numbers.—Reuter.

THE COMPLETION OF THE LANDING AND ASSIGNMENT TO VARIOUS SECTORS OF JAPANESE "REINFORCEMENTS" TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT DEFENCE, WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF JAPANESE FORCES, IN SAIGON.

Japanese disembarkation was still in full swing yesterday morning and a general picture of the movements of the last few days was clearer.

While Japanese troops began disembarking at Nhatrang on July 28, the first mass incursion in the Saigon area did not begin until July 30, though General Sumit arrived from the North on July 26 with his staff and a few trucks. Saigon harbour has been choked a-block with Japanese transports, freighters and warships ever since.

About 25 transports have arrived in Saigon, disgorging troops and material and, despite last night's announcement, thirty more transports are reported off Cape St. Jacques. The majority of the occupying forces have landed at Saigon.

Unseasoned Troops

While all the material appears to be in good condition, the troops are young and give the impression of being unseasoned.

Wholesale requisitioning of buildings is proceeding in all the areas to be occupied by the Japanese. In Saigon, half a mile of docks and godowns, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel Majestic, the East Asiatic Company's building, A. B. David and Company, several buildings on the Bund and many large private residences have been taken over.

British concerns and buildings have not been affected. The M.M. liner "Marechal Joffre" is lying alongside the dock accommodating those Europeans who were evicted from the Hotel Majestic, and elsewhere. Saigon outwardly is quiet and the behaviour of the Japanese soldiery has been exemplary.

French Go North

French troops and materials are all moving to the North and all available rolling stock is being concentrated in the south, causing delays in the normal train services. Air France services have been cancelled due to lack of landing fields.

Japanese fighter planes and trucks occupy Tourane aerodrome. The majority of Japanese air strength is believed to be concentrated for the moment at Nhatrang. Estimates vary between 250 planes and two squadrons of fighters and one squadron of bombers.

Japanese trucks in convoys are moving in a steady stream into Cambodia, while convoys of trucks, anti-aircraft and field-guns have also been seen moving north from Saigon.—Reuter.

UNSUBTLE PIECE OF PROPAGANDA

Asserting that the evacuation of men unfit for work, and of mothers and children from Moscow, has begun, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the Russians have profited from the experiences of the French campaign and have strictly forbidden refugees from using the railways or the main roads in order not to impede military movements.—Reuter.

FALSE LULL IN FAR EAST

The absence from Tokyo yesterday of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and of Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister, together with the return of Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, in a cheerful mood, possibly indicates that nothing serious is coming in the Far East immediately.

At the same time, says Reuter's Tokyo correspondent, it is obvious that Japan is stalling for time to complete their domestic preparations.

The quietude of the last few days has been given an ominous tone by the continued Press hostility to the Democracies and the almost frenzied invocation of the national general mobilisation law in hitherto untouched fields. The "Yomiuri Shimbun" to-day notes the assertion of Colonel Knox that Japan has oil stocks to last eighteen months of warfare, and reports: "So What?" The paper adds the allegation that Chungking has access to the vast but unpublicised petrol resources of Burma.—Reuter.



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Hong Kong's Attitude Of "It Can't Happen Here"

Head In Sand, Says U.S. Journalist

A SUGGESTION that a large section of Hong Kong's civilian element was guilty of ostrich-ism, and adopting an attitude of "It Can't Happen Here" with regard to the crisis in the Far East, was made by Mr. Harrison Forman, ace correspondent and cameraman, in a broadcast from Hong Kong to the United States yesterday.

Mr. Forman revealed at the same time, however, that the authorities were taking a much more realistic view of the situation. Following is the text of the broadcast:—

"Hello N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hong Kong, China, on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly eight-seventeen in the morning here Monday morning.

"In some respects civilian Hong Kong reminds me of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, repeating to itself: 'It can't happen here!' The new tension in the Pacific which has arisen this past week or so doesn't seem to worry the folk very much. 'Just another one of those crises,' they say. 'I'll blow over as the others have done before.' There are no visible signs of panic, no rush for steamer passage, on the part of either Europeans, or Japanese here. Though I did see a few Japanese the other day buying suitcases and trunks.

Husbands' Complaints

"As a matter of fact, husbands are still agitating to get the Government to allow them to bring their wives and kids back to Hong Kong—crisis or no crisis. You may remember, perhaps, that during a similar crisis a little over a year ago, the Government evacuated about ninety per cent. of the European women and children from Hong Kong, most of whom were sent all the way to Australia.

"The Powers-that-Be in Hong Kong, however, are no ostriches. There is clear evidence in every hand that they mean business—that they mean to defend this place from attack. And it'll not be merely a token defence either. For Hong Kong fairly bristles with big guns, anti-aircraft, powerful searchlights, barbed wire and camouflage. And plenty of troops, too. The harbour is well mined, and a constant air and sea patrol is maintained for many miles out to sea.

Air Precautions

"Though there is no naval or air force here, to speak of, the Japanese can never be too sure but what a British air force, or even a fleet, would not suddenly make their appearance. Unquestionably, an attack on Britain out here would result in an immediate British military alliance with China—with cooperative action.

"Meanwhile, for immediate protection of Hong Kong's million and a half civilians from an air blitz, the hills upon which the city is built have been literally honeycombed with an elaborate system of tunnels drilled deep into the solid rock, with entrances opening right off the streets. Drilled under the direction of a firm of American mining engineers, these tunnel-shelters vary in capacity from a thousand to one accommodating over thirty thousand people.

"I now return you to NBC, San Francisco."

PILGRIMAGE TO WAILING WALL

A record pilgrimage estimated at well over 25,000 persons visited the historic Wailing Wall in Jerusalem during Saturday and Sunday in observance of the anniversary of the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70.—*Reuter.*

CANTEEN HELPERS STOLE

Three prominent women volunteers at Peterborough Services' Canteen were fined at Peterborough for stealing money from the till.

They are:—
Mrs. Susan Tipler, of Parliament Street, Peterborough, a prominent British Legion worker whose husband was killed in the last war.

Mrs. Enid Florence Moore, of Nicholls-avenue, Peterborough, widow of a principal officer of the Peterborough Corporation, and

Mrs. Helen Gertrude Adams, of Oundle Road, Peterborough, a member of various hospital, church and charity committees.

Coin In Gas Mask Case

Mrs. J. G. Simpson, wife of the Dean of Peterborough, and honorary secretary of the Canteen Canteen Committee, said that marked silver coins were placed in the till and Inspector Dowdy saw the women take them.

Tipler, when stopped, had £2 10s. in marked coins. Moore had one of the coins in her gas mask case, and Adams said: "I have yielded to sudden temptation."

For Moore, Mr. F. J. Green said she had no recollection of the theft. She had been worried over private matters.

Tipler was fined £5 and Moore and Adams were fined £3.

'OLD LADY' CAME FIRST

To his father, Mr. George Dove Meyer made a promise that he would always look after the old nurse who looked after him when he was a baby.

At Clerkenwell police court that promise was accepted as a reason why Mr. Meyer cannot pay his landlord an extra £1 a month under an order for arrears in rent.

"I could only do it by sacrificing an honourable undertaking given to my father to pay an annuity of £26 to the dear old lady who nursed me when I was a baby," he said. The landlord's application was refused.

At his home in Victoria Road, Mill Hill, after the case, Mr. Meyer told the "Daily Mirror": "Nanny looked after me, and it's up to me to look after her now. I am so glad the magistrate listened to me.

"She is now well over seventy, and I would like to see her as content as possible.

SOLDIER SHOT HIS SWEETHEART

Edward George Beesley, 29, driver in the Royal Army Service Corps, whose home is at Charles Street, Oxford, was at Oxford Assizes found not guilty of the murder of his sweetheart, Irene Sherry, a 20-year-old domestic servant. The girl was found shot at her lodgings in Oxford.

Beesley was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude.

Mrs. Payne, the girl's landlady, described how Beesley came to her home with a rifle, and, being told that the girl was not at home, returned later and was allowed to wait in her room. Later Mrs. Payne heard Sherry go upstairs.

Then came a noise like something falling out of the window, the front door was slammed and witness, going to Sherry's room found her dead in a chair.

Constable Swann said in a witness statement that he had six letters, and he said to witness, "I took them from the dressing-table. I want them kept carefully."

Mr. H. H. Maddocks, for the

MALAYA TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOUR QUASHED

It was stated in London last night that there is no truth in the rumour that Britain has sent 100,000 troops to the borders of Thailand.

The dispositions of the British troops in Malaya are purely defensive and no move of the magnitude indicated has taken place.—*Reuter.*

STRETCHER BEARERS ARE DISMISSED

Seven full-time A.R.P. stretcher-bearers, all of whom are Trade Unionists, have been dismissed by Holborn Borough Council.

One of them was a former chairman of the A.R.P. branch of the National Union of Public Employees.

This follows the dismissal the previous week of 27 stretcher-bearers.

Of these, 13 responded to an invitation to apply for reinstatement and 10 were reinstated.

Crown, said that Beesley shot the girl through the heart because of letters she had written to another soldier.

Beesley said that after reading the letters he did not remember any more.

SCORES OF BOMBS DROPPED ON GUNS AT TOBRUK

SCORES OF BOMBS were seen to fall on the enemy gun positions in the Tobruk area, when squadrons of the South African Air Force delivered a heavy attack on Sunday.

The attack was made simultaneously with the increased activity of British ground forces at Tobruk and along the frontier zone.

The South African airmen were flying Maryland bombers, states the communique from R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, and the effect was devastating.

Meantime, R.A.F. and South African fighter pilots carried out offensive patrols over enemy-occupied areas.

During Saturday night, a large formation of R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked the harbour at Benghazi. In addition to causing a large number of fires, a direct hit was scored on an enemy anti-aircraft gun battery. Some of these aircraft also machine-gunned anti-aircraft guns and searchlights at Berka aerodrome from a low altitude.

During the same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the aerodrome at Gambut and on the previous day, R.A.F. bombers attacked Misurata, where they demolished a blockhouse with a direct hit and also severely damaged barrack buildings.

Fighters Destroyed

The R.A.F. carried out a successful attack on a number of Italian fighters on the ground at Reggio in Italy on Sunday, frag-

ments of aircraft were seen flying into the air as a result of the attack and it is known that a large number of Macchi 200s were destroyed. From all these operations, says the communique, all aircraft returned safely.—*Reuter.*

FINLAND DECLARED AN ENEMY

Finland has been declared an enemy country by the New Zealand Government for the purpose of the enemy property and trading with the enemy regulations.

This brings New Zealand into line with other Empire countries who have already taken such action.

Sir Frederick Stewart, Australia's Minister of Internal Affairs, has announced that arrangements have been made for the departure of the Finnish Consul-General in Sydney.

Finnish interests in Australia will be protected by the Consul-General for Sweden.—*Reuter.*

GALLUP POLL ON FAR EAST

According to a Gallup poll published yesterday, on a survey asking the question, "Should the United States take steps now to keep Japan from becoming more powerful even if this means risking war with Japan?" the result was 51 per cent. in favour, 31 per cent. opposed and 18 per cent. undecided.

Dr. Gallup said that if only those with definite opinions were considered, the survey meant that 60 per cent. would be willing to risk war with Japan in an effort to defend the United States' interests in the Pacific while 38 per cent. would not go so far. Several months ago only 40 per cent. were willing to risk war, indicating a sharp increase.

The poll also showed that 60 per cent. of voters think that Japan's occupation of Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies would be a definite threat to American security, 20 per cent. think not and 20 per cent. are undecided.—*Central News.*

MOTHER— HEROINE

For seven hours an elderly woman sat in an A.R.P. post transmitting telephone messages steeling herself to forget that one of them told of the destruction of her house and of her daughter lying trapped under the ruins.

Not until the "Raiders Passed" came and her shift ended did she leave her post to discover the fate of her daughter.

"Throughout that night she carried on like stone, patiently and accurately transmitting the messages that came through to her," was the tribute paid by Lady Violet Bonham Carter, who works at the same wardens' post, when she revealed the valiant story of Mrs. Rousseau Emanuel.

"There is no medal struck worth of deeds like this," said Lady Violet.

At her new home in Paddington, London, W., beside the wreckage of the old, Mrs. Emanuel said: "What I did was so little when set beside the deeds of other A.R.P. workers in that last great raid. I should have considered it disgraceful if I had done anything else.

"As wardens came in they told me of the progress being made to free Marjorie.

Miss Emanuel, who is one of the wardens attached to the same post, is recovering rapidly.

HE STUCK TO POST IN BLITZ

Harry Lorkin, a messenger boy in the A.F.S., who celebrated his 18th birthday, was presented with a parchment scroll at a tea party by the officers and men of the East Ham A.F.S. in recognition of his courage and unwavering devotion to duty.

Harry is a junior clerk in a London office, but during evenings he serves at an A.F.S. sub-station at Manor Park. He has assisted in rescues from bombed houses.

During an exceptionally heavy raid he took over a man's job. He received telephone calls and dispatched motor pumps to fires. One call was from his sister. He remained at his post throughout the night and long into the next day.

Owing to the damage to his own house he moved from the district, but immediately joined the Walthamstow A.F.S.

PAUSE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Soviet Review Of Developments

GERMANS MAKE VIRTUE OUT OF NECESSITY

ASSERTING THAT GERMANY THREW IN FORCES TWO TO THREE TIMES STRONGER NUMERICALLY THAN THE RED ARMY UNITS STATIONED ALONG THE FRONTIER, THE MOSCOW NEWSPAPER "PRAVDA" COMPUTES THAT THE GERMANS USED THIRTY DIVISIONS, ROUGHLY 500,000 MEN, TEN THOUSAND FIRST-LINE AIRCRAFT, AND 15,000 TANKS.

Thanks to the stubbornness of Soviet resistance, says the paper, the first Nazi tales of stunning German victories have been replaced by the argument that the seizure of territory takes second place to annihilation.

"Pravda" says that the first German miscalculation was their failure to destroy the Red Air Force and the panzer blows failed to achieve their objective.

The tremendous losses suffered by the Germans since the two armies became fully engaged in mass are rapping German morale and instead of an eastern paradise, they are meeting death and destruction.

It is too early, says the paper, to speak of final results and of the fierce struggles ahead, but Russian resistance and counter-blows are daily becoming stronger.

German Claims

Reports reaching Stockholm from German sources on the Russian war continue to announce the destruction of Russian pockets of resistance on the two main fronts of Smolensk and Kiev, while it is claimed that the advance to the east is being remorselessly continued at various speeds.

The impression aimed at by German propagandists is that the Germans are staying where they arrive, or are advancing but are never forced back.

It is now claimed that the necessity of dealing with the Russian pockets, while slowing up the advance, has also given time for slower moving units to catch up.

Exhausted Troops

The military correspondent of the "Demokraten" considers that the Germans have now completed arrangements in the rear sectors for the relief of exhausted troops and the reorganisation of harried units, and for the overhaul of mechanical material and the bringing up of fresh units ready to renew the offensive, but admits that, "despite attacks on their communications," the Russians have also benefited by the pause.

The same newspaper's Berlin correspondent reports a German claim that the fresh Russian troops are of an inferior quality to those at first engaged.

The military expert expects that fresh large-scale German attacks will shortly be chiefly launched against Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Finnish Front

On the Finnish front, say Stockholm observers, the Finns are still attempting to press through the isthmus connecting Lake Ladoga and Onega which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

Any Finnish advance here could bring pressure on Leningrad from the east, but the intention of the Russians to hold Sordavala is shown by the fact that they have not carried out the destruction of the town.

Activity at Hangoe is still confined to artillery fire. Reports of the constant arrival of Russians in Hangoe from Estonia suggest that the Finnish hope to starve out the Russian garrison of Hangoe is a vain one. —Reuter

QUICK REPEAL DEMANDED

Senator Carter Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, called for immediate repeal of the neutrality act, to re-establish freedom of the seas for American shipping and show Adolf Hitler that "we are not afraid" of him.

The acts bars American merchant ships from combat zones fixed by the President. Senator Glass, in his first interview since his recent election as president pro tempore of the Senate, said, "We ought to wipe that thing off the statute books and throw it in the rottenest waste-basket in the country."

"It never should have been passed at all," the eighty-three-year-old Virginian asserted. "It gave up the freedom of the seas, for which we had been fighting since the beginning of the nation."

"It was passed because a lot of people were afraid of Hitler. We should tell him now that we are not afraid."

Repeal of the act would clear the way for ships under the American flag to carry goods into British ports, and while he did not couple the two ideas directly, the Senator asserted that the United States "should take any steps necessary to see that our war materials are delivered to Great Britain."

"I think we are in the war already," he said. "We have done a lot of things that might give Germany an excuse for declaring war against us. I think we should continue our present course and should do everything possible to get the goods across. Then we can leave it to Germany as to whether or not there will be a declaration of war."

Senator Glass, who has opposed many Administration domestic programmes but has supported President Roosevelt's foreign policy vigorously, said that "if the Germans make the challenge (of war) then we ought to meet it."

"We can't just sit here and let Hitler say who is to call the shots—who is to come and who is to go," he added.

RUSSIANS HOLD AT KEY TOWN

Heavy fighting is continuing round Sortavala, on the northern tip of Lake Ladoga, which the Russians continue to hold against all attacks, according to Helsinki reports received in Vichy last night.

Soviet tanks are counter-attacking. The garrison of this strong point on the flank of the Finnish drive on both sides of Lake Ladoga, is said to have been strongly reinforced.

Sortavala is the centre of a great network of fortifications built by the Russians in the territory ceded by Finland last year.

The broken nature of the terrain favours the defence which is well-equipped with artillery. —Reuter

N.C.O. RANKINGS FOR A.R.P.

Ranks similar to those of corporal and sergeant in the Army are to be created in the Civil Defence services.

These "N.C.O.s" of the A.F.S. and A.R.P. will be given higher pay.

The Home Secretary announced the scheme in the Commons. Details of ranks and pay are being worked out immediately.

Post wardens in charge of organisation and section leaders of rescue and demolition squads will be among the men chosen for the intermediate ranks.

They will also receive one free return railway voucher in a year, so that their annual holiday may be spent in more peaceful surroundings. At present A.R.P. workers in responsible positions receive no more pay than the minimum of £3 10s.

The Home Secretary said improved service conditions include graded pay from the beginning of June, sickness pay, and allowances for fire-watchers' meals.

New Uniforms

Serge uniforms, stated later to be of battle-dress type, overcoats, berets and boots would be made available for whole-time civil defence workers and part-time members who undertook to perform not less than forty-eight hours' duty a month.

Appropriate new uniforms would be designed for women not already provided with a suitable type. The pilot leave concession to paid workers had been reconsidered. They would in future receive full pay during absence through sickness up to thirteen weeks.

ALL PRACTICAL AID PROMISED

A message from Washington states that the United States has promised all practical economic help to Russia. —Reuter.

Worse Than Bargain Day

THE HOARDING OF SILK STOCKINGS BY AMERICAN WOMEN INCREASES AND FIFTH AVENUE SHOPKEEPERS SUMMED UP AS "MADHOUSE" YESTERDAY'S STAMPEDE OF WOMEN ANXIOUS TO GET AS MANY PAIRS AS POSSIBLE WHILE THEY ARE STILL OBTAINABLE.

The shop scenes were extraordinary. Women were kept waiting for their turn behind red plush ropes supervised by uniformed guards, while extra counter-clerks struggled to cope with the sales which amounted to five times the normal sales capacity. —Reuter.

ONIONS PULL IN £34,000

A small basket of onions raised £34,383 for London's War Weapons Week at the Stock Exchange.

The onions were auctioned under the condition that each bidder would honour his bid by buying an equivalent amount of defence securities. The bids totalled up to £34,383. It was announced in Parliament that at the closing of banking hours £87,750,000 had been raised in London.

The spirit behind the campaign was exemplified by a woman of 74 who gave to the nation a bundle of one hundred £1 notes it had taken her sixty years to save.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, acting general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, announced that the general executive council of the union had decided, in connection with London War Weapons Week, to take up £50,000 of savings bonds.

The Pearl Assurance Company, Ltd., has now subscribed £10,704, 300 for London and provincial War Weapons Weeks and in 2½ per cent. War Bonds. In addition, 3 per cent. Savings Bonds are to be taken up.

BRITAIN'S FORMIDABLE NEW FIGHTER

FOUR CANNON GUNS AND SIX MACHINE-GUNS COMPRISE THE ARMAMENT OF ONE OF BRITAIN'S LATEST LONG RANGE DAY AND NIGHT FIGHTERS — BRISTOL BEAUFIGHTERS — DETAILS OF WHICH ARE RELEASED. THIS IS THE MOST FORMIDABLE FIRE POWER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN FITTED TO ANY WAR PLANE.

German blitz bombers hit by these cannons fitted in the fuselage and the machine-guns in the wings have exploded and disintegrated.

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The fuel is carried in four self-sealing tanks with the total capacity of 550 gallons each.

The appointment of the Beaufighter is exceptionally complete. It includes oxygen apparatus and carbine heating system for the relief of the crew in cold atmosphere.

At the same time provision is made for carrying four gallon water tanks for desert use.

The maximum speed and range of this "exceptionally powerfully armed" long-range fighter is not given. So far its uses as a day fighter have not been made known —Reuter.

One in seven of the children killed had been evacuated, most of them from the London area.

3 KIDDIES DIE DAILY ON ROADS

Children are being killed on the roads at the rate of more than three a day.

Since the spring of 1940 these fatal accidents have increased by more than 30 per cent.

The steady reduction achieved in pre-war years has disappeared, says a report of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Sudden darts into the roads caused most of the accidents.

From September, 1939, to February, 1940, a total of 359 child pedestrians were killed. From September, 1940, to February, 1941, the number rose to 558.

Casualties were particularly heavy in industrial Lancashire and in the London and Birmingham

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THE CONTINENT of South America has figured largely in the news during the past fortnight, when from the United States border to Tierra del Fuego, have come reports of abortive Nazi intrigues to dictate policy to the high-spirited Latin-American nations.

It began with the circumstantial details of a Nazi putsch which was to have been carried out in Bolivia. This was revealed in a letter by Major Elias Belteont, Bolivian Military Attache in Berlin, and a would-be Quisling, to Ernst Wendler, German Minister in Lapaz, who wrote "my friends in the Wilhelmstrasse tell me that information received from you shows that the moment is approaching for the liberation of my poor country from its weak Government, and its entirely capitalistic tendencies."

This and other documents were published by the Bolivian President to justify the expulsion of the German Minister and the arrest of several notorious sympathisers.

The German Government reacted by ordering the Bolivian Charge d'Affaires, Senor Alfred Flores, to leave the Reich within 72 hours.

Although complete evidence was discovered of Germany's conspiracy to overthrow the existing Bolivian Government and the Constitution, Bolivia has so far refrained from breaking off diplomatic relations.

The publication of the United States' "black-list" of South American firms gave Germany another opportunity to take to fermenting anti-United States feeling in Latin America. The German note to Mexico actually insisted that the Mexican Government should protest against the black-list. Mexico made a spirited reply, telling the Reich government in almost so many words to mind their own business.

Mexican Reply

The Mexican reply tartly says "Mexico is capable of taking care of her own sovereignty and freedom of trade without any prompting from foreign powers."

The German Note intimated that the Mexican attitude on the question of the black-list would determine the German attitude towards Mexican trade after the war. The Mexican Note described this threat as "pressure in open contradiction with the spirit of mutual respect governing the foreign relations of the Mexican Republic."

The opportunity was taken to proclaim, without any ambiguity, the Mexican Government's adherence to the "principle of inter-American cooperation." This affair was followed by a public demand in Mexico for the expulsion of the German Minister and other Nazi agents.

Intolerable Insult

The Mexican Trade Union Congress passed a resolution declaring the German step as "an intolerable insult to the country." Feeling against Nazi interference with Latin-American sovereignty is running equally high in Chile and the Argentine.

IN ARGENTINA, POLICE RAIDS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE GERMAN EMBASSY AND VARIOUS GERMAN CONTROLLED INSTITUTIONS, AND A STRONG CONGRESS COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING NAZI ACTIVITIES.

Argentine authorities found a secret code message proving that Nazi agents fomented the recent Peru-Ecuador frontier battles.

Code Message

The code message was found inside a short-wave radio set seized by the investigating committee's chairman, Raul Damato Taborda, on its smuggled return from Peru where it was refused entry.

The message ordered all Nazi agents in Peru and Bolivia to follow all instructions issued by the four Nazi envoys in South America at their last meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Deep satisfaction has been caused throughout South America by Argentina's firm reply to the German Minister's protest against the seizure of the shortwave wireless set and other baggage, and all the leading Argentine papers congratulate the Mexican Government on its unwavering to the German Note concerning the United States black list.

In Chile, public opinion is increasingly alive to the dangers of Nazi infiltration, and the police have recently made many searches. —Reuter.

CRUEL
IN BLITZ

During an intense air-raid lasting many hours a young widow left six little children alone in a house while she visited a relative seven minutes' walk away.

She did not go to her children until eighteen hours had elapsed. This was stated at Liverpool when Mrs. Mary Flanagan, 34, was sentenced to two months' hard labour for neglecting the children, whose ages range from two to twelve.

Mr. T. H. Dazo, education officer, said that a neighbour, Mrs. Edgar Daulby, heard the children screaming in terror while bombs were dropping and rescued them.

She gave them food and drink and took them into her house until 3 a.m. when, owing to unexploded bombs, the whole street was compelled to evacuate. She then took the children to a rest centre.

Mr. W. T. Doherty, presiding magistrate, said: "There are no extenuating circumstances. I am convinced the mother wanted to get rid of these little ones, but thank God they will be cared for."

PALS BY
BOMBING

SUSAN AND RUDOLPH WERE ENEMIES UNTIL A BOMB SHOOK THEM UP. SHE HAD ONCE TRIED TO KILL HIM.

That attempt on his life made him treat her with cold contempt. Then their home in North Middlesex was wrecked by a direct hit. Susan was blasted across a bedroom. Rudolph was missing for two days.

So the strangest cat and dog friendship began. When the siren goes Susan, a bull-terrier, and Rudolph, the cat, curl up in Susan's basket until the "raiders" are sounded.

REFUSED
TO SEE
HITLER

Clare Boothe, the American author of that witty and sardonic play, "The Women," came to Europe a year ago to "see about the war" for herself—heading for "a world where men have decided to die together because they are unable to find any way to live together."

In "European Spring" (Hamish Hamilton, 10s 6d), she gives a brilliant account of her talks with statesmen, soldiers and the ordinary people she met.

Miss Boothe proved herself a highly intelligent and severely critical observer, though, as she admits, she was occasionally wise after the event.

Intervention Plea

If sometimes her judgments about individuals are wrong, her heart is always in the right place, passionately on the side of democracy. Her last chapter—a series of questions to the American people—is a reasoned plea for intervention: "The situation as it stands in America is just about as it stood last spring in Europe."

Some of the best things in the book are in the footnotes:

The only other "great man" I ever refused to meet was in Germany in 1937—Adolf Hitler. But for quite different reasons. I suppose the simplest way to put it is that I was deathly afraid, being a woman, I might just once smile on him. And all the human curiosity in the world would not, I felt, justify to myself that small but fatal hypocrisy.

Hague Placidity

Miss Boothe arrived at The Hague three days before the "rape of Holland." High officials were "placidly" discussing the prospects of invasion, and in an account of a talk with M. Snouck Hurgronje, Permanent Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, she states that the Dutch Government knew five days before that the Germans were going to invade Norway.

She said: "You knew five days before? Did you tell the French and English about it?" "Certainly not," he said indignantly. "Why should we? They're not our allies."

Miss Boothe discovered that "in inner Cabinet circles in France they did not talk about war, but about politics and they did not really care about democracy, but about their own nation."

Ciano's Slang

As entertaining as anything in "European Spring" is Miss Boothe's witty account of a talk in Rome with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. Proud of his knowledge of American slang, he invited her to "shoot the works," adding that she could say anything she liked to him.

She put some pertinent questions, but after two hours she "learned nothing, nothing at all."

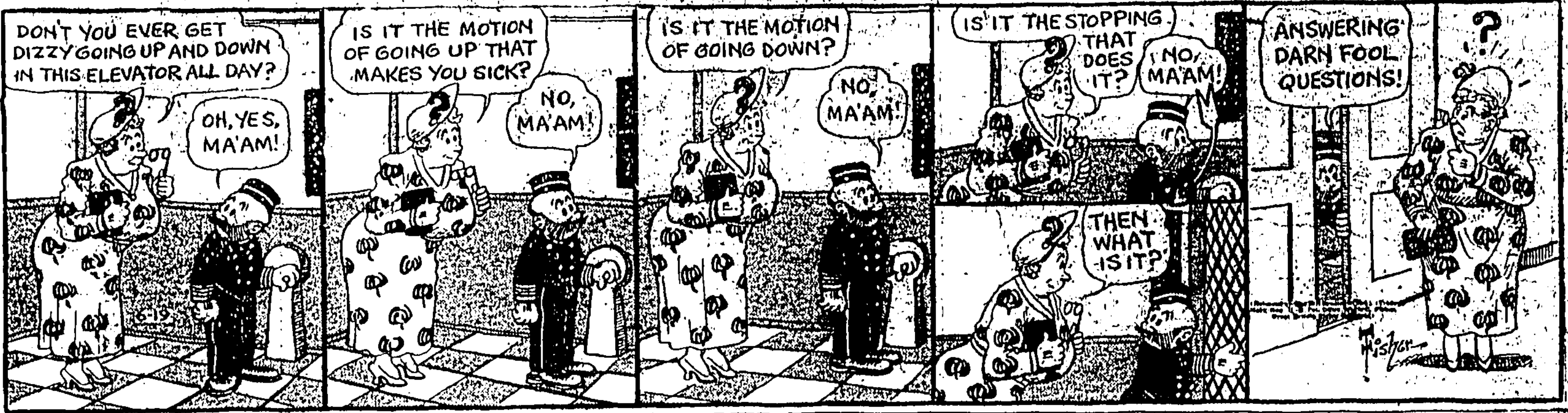
At Lisbon, waiting for the Clipper to take her home, she met Noel Coward. She told him that France was going to surrender. Noel Coward said: "England will never, never surrender."

They talked of Hollywood where the film magnates were waiting until the war in Europe blew over.

"Blows over what?" I asked. "The Atlantic?" That witty remark really sums up Clare Boothe's book.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



HOUSEWIVES ARE LAND GIRLS IN SPARE TIME

MORE THAN 300 housewives and business women have formed a voluntary land corps to work on local farms during their spare time.

Many will sleep in tents and caravans during week-ends and holidays.

QUEEN PUTS ON BOOTEES

When the King and Queen were visiting a factory in Scotland the Queen was presented with a pair of fur-lined bootees. She put them on at once.

During the visit the King decorated three Norwegian sailors with the D.S.M. in Rosyth Dockyard. Eight seamen, petty officers and a marine of the British navy were also decorated.

The King, with Vice-Adm. Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief at Rosyth, went aboard two warships and a new corvette.

The Queen "launched" a catapult for one of the warships, and, naming it, she said, "I christen this catapult and may it successfully launch its planes and

Mrs. Gladys Cosnett, of Penn-road, Wolverhampton, who organised the corps, told the "Daily Mirror".

"I believe this is the first women's voluntary land corps in the country. It is recognised by the Ministry of Agriculture, who have just supplied me with a special armband for the women to wear.

"Housewives and business girls are being taken in the evenings by lorries to local farms where they will work on the land till 10.30 p.m.

"I have interviewed numerous farmers who are eagerly looking forward to employing our new land girls."

pilots, providing wide-ranging eyes for their mother ship."

Earlier, at Edinburgh, the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland.

SEARCH FOR 630-YEAR-OLD DEED

Solicitors tracing back through the records have reached the year 1308 in their search for evidence showing that the Duke of Bedford is liable for the payment of £330 a year stipend to the vicar of St. Mary's, Woburn, Beds.

In that year there was a Deed of Appropriation which has a vital bearing on the question, but the deed has been placed in safe custody for the duration of the war and has not yet been unearthed.

The solicitors' researches have led them to the Record Office, where are housed parish enclosure awards dated early in the last century. These set out the obligations of landowners towards the livings under their patronage. Copies are kept at the Board of Agriculture, but by a stroke of misfortune none survives for the parish of Woburn.

Mr. A. Morrison, solicitor to Dr. Furse, Bishop of St. Albans, said that he is now searching the documents at the Record Office in case there was an Act of Parliament governing the Woburn parish.

"One difficulty is that the Parish of Woburn was originally the Parish of Birchmore," he said, "and we are trying to find out what obligations attached to the original church of that parish, which was formerly in the diocese of Ely, and possibly before that in the diocese of Lincoln."

"It would be an unusual thing if there was a living in this area with nobody legally bound to support it, but to prove the obligation is most difficult, because they date back so far, and entail so much labourious research."

THEY GOT THEIR TEA

During the last blitz on London the Y.M.C.A. Services Centre in the Strand sent thirty-five mobile canteens, many operated by women, into the worst-bombed areas in answer to calls from A.R.P. workers.

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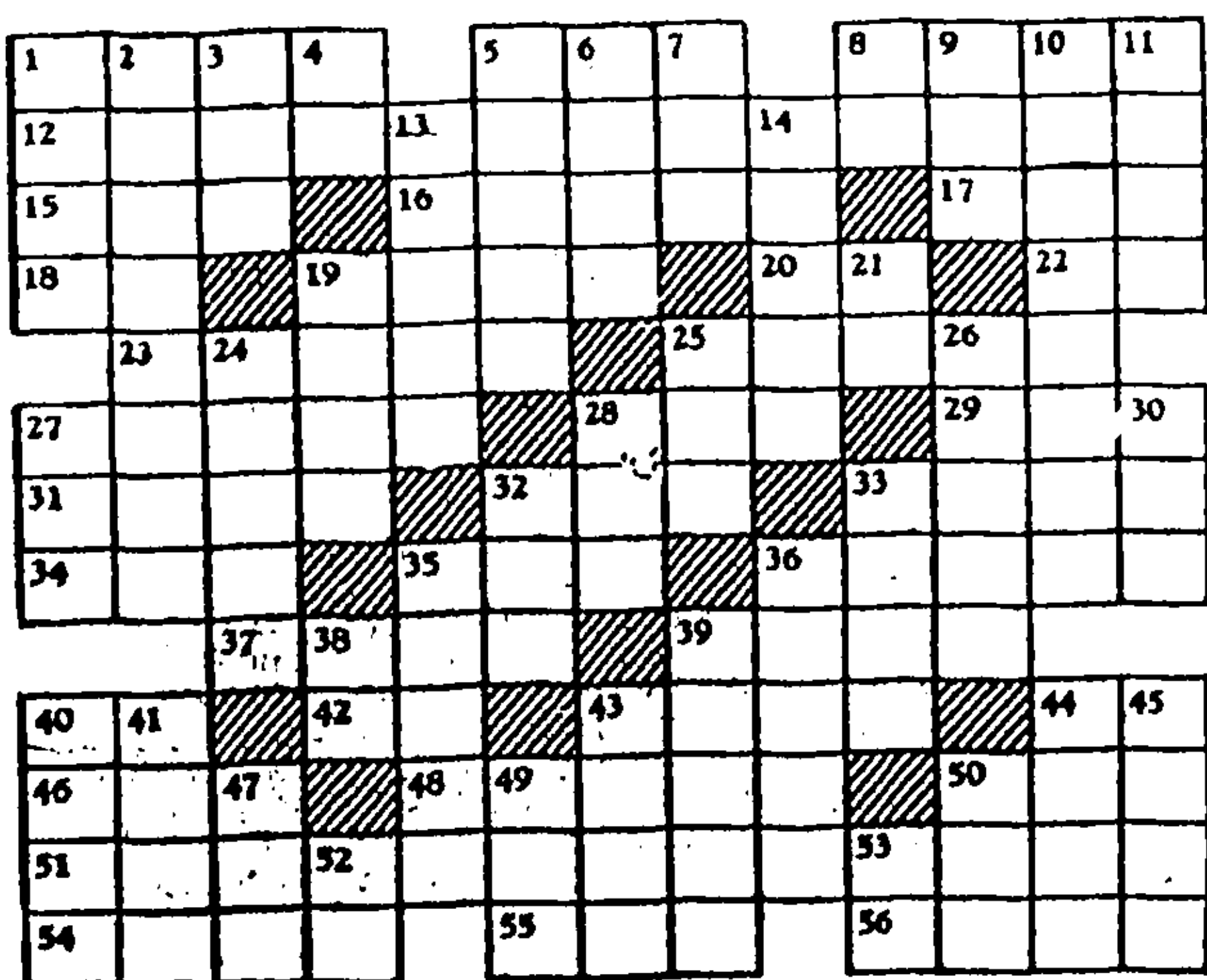
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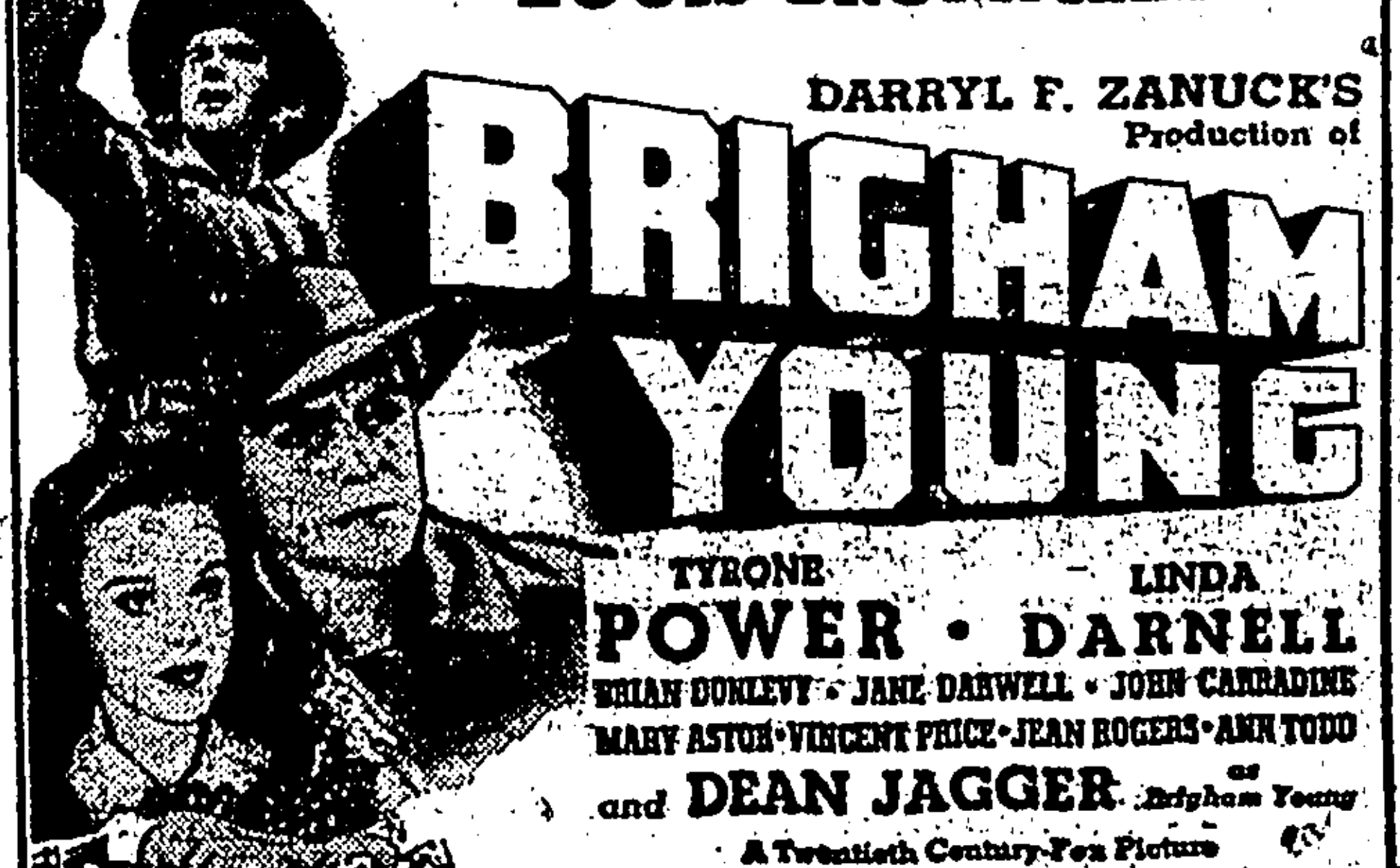
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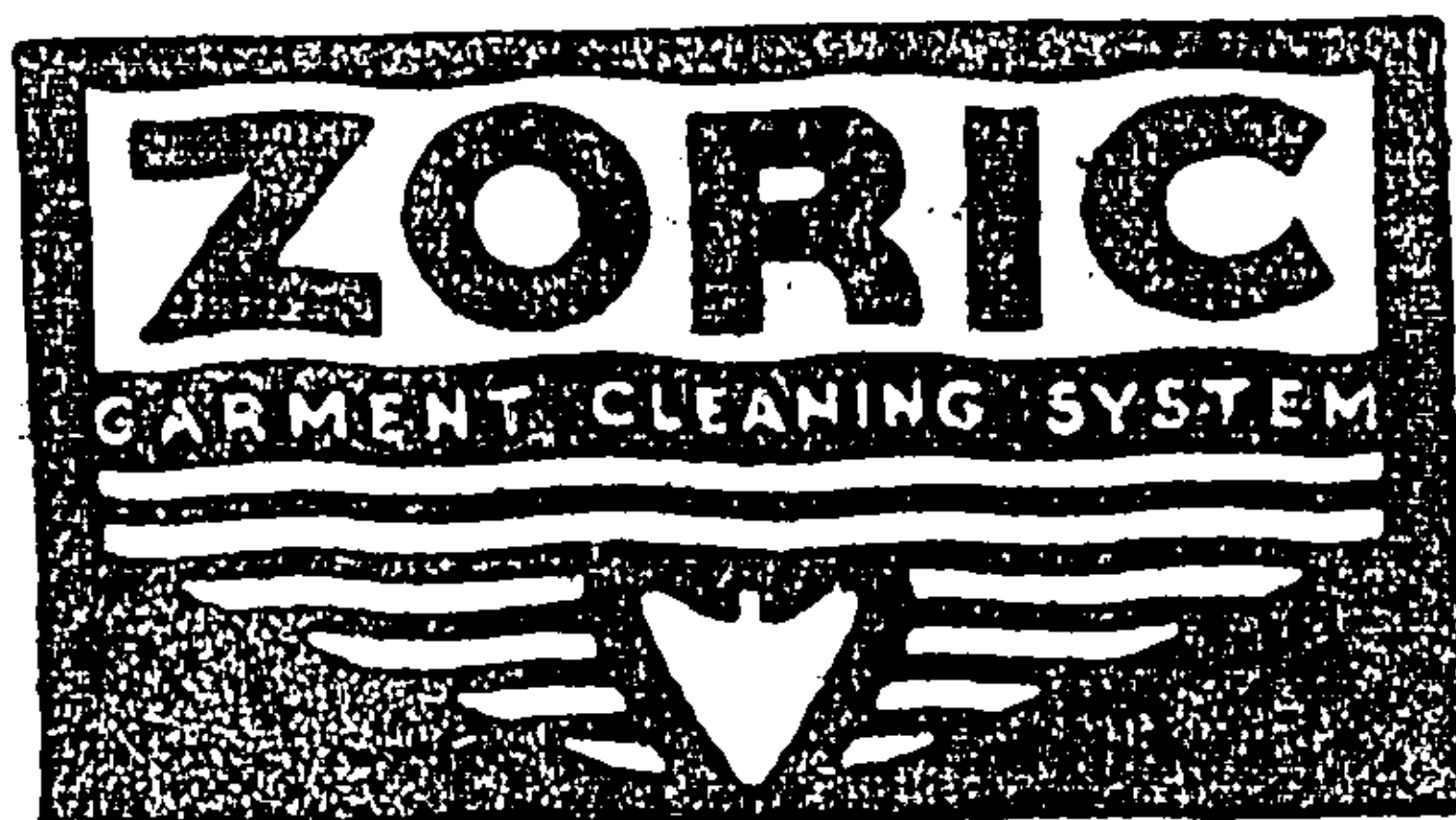
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SPEEDING UP DELIVERY TO BRITAIN

(By ANSEL E. TAIBERT)

THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE for London several days ago of Air Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill on a huge American-built, four-engined bomber from Newfoundland signalizes a tremendous speed-up in the flow to Britain by air of aircraft built in factories of the United States.

Sir Frederick, known throughout the Royal Air Force as "Ginger" Bowhill, is one of the best organizers in the British Empire, and until recently was head of the important coastal command of the British Isles, with the responsibility of seeing that every German air or sea attack on a convoy was met by immediate and appropriate counter measures.

He was relieved of this job so that he could fly to Canada and study how the delivery of American aircraft by air to Britain could be increased several hundred per cent.

Now in London making an official report embodying detailed recommendations, he is expected back soon to direct the ferrying operations in person.

"Really Rolling" Now

It has been no secret in aviation circles that British defence leaders were concerned for a time by the slowness of the trans-Atlantic ferry service to get into high gear.

At present, in the process of being taken over by the British Air Ministry, the service has been successively in the hands of a Canadian civil group and the British Ministry of Aircraft Production. Operations were hampered mainly by a lack of experienced personnel in the directorate on this side.

But, according to Col. George R. Hutchinson, American pilot who participated in the flight delivery of the initial group of Lockheed Hudsons that went across the Atlantic last fall and has since flown many more trips, the bombers "really are rolling overseas" now. It is routine, he revealed while on his way to visit his family in Baltimore, for several score a day to take off for England from the run ways of the giant airport at Hattie's Camp, Newfoundland. Canadian and British engineers hacked this field several years ago from the forests of the Newfoundland wilderness in anticipation of its use in war involving Britain.

Col. Hutchinson is head of the famous "flying Hutchinson family" consisting of himself, his wife, Blanche, and his two daughters, Kathryn and Janet Lee, who have visited fifty-odd countries together in their own plane in the last ten years. Since last August, when he joined the trans-Atlantic ferrying service as a charter member, he has drawn so many flight assignments to take bombers abroad on holidays such as Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Armistice Day and Memorial Day that his fellow pilots nicknamed him "Holiday Hutch".

He and the other pilots, a miscellaneous group of former crop dusters, barnstormers, airline men and British airmen drawn mainly from British Overseas Airways, have taken some strange cargoes over. Not long ago a Canadian general with his two aides, a captain and a major, sat in Col. Hutchinson's bomber for the Atlantic crossing on boxes of flare shells and pouches of diplomatic mail in company with a noted Canadian scientist.

The monotony of the trip was broken by an unusual serenade—that of 200 bullfrogs croaking in unison. These were being transported for experimentation in gas-defence laboratories so that England might have an air-tight defence against the possible use of poison gas by the Luftwaffe.

Found Courage High

"On another occasion I decided on my own to carry twenty-four cartons of American cigarettes and a couple of crates of oranges to distribute among my English friends," Col. Hutchinson related. "There is something of a scarcity

of such luxuries, but it hasn't affected the morale a bit. I never heard, in all of my visits to England, a single man, woman or child say in even a private conversation that he had the slightest doubt of England's ability to win this fight."

The hop from Newfoundland to Britain takes from seven and one-half to ten hours at present, and the return trip thirteen or more, Col. Hutchinson disclosed. Ferrying bombers, he says, isn't the hardest job on earth, although it's far from easy. He asserted that during all the delivery flights made to date, not a single ferry pilot had been attacked by a German raider.

"The way we slip into Britain at varying altitudes and times each trip would make it almost a miracle for any German fighter pilot to accomplish an interception," Col. Hutchinson related.

The repeated German bombing raids on Britain, now "one huge aerodrome," according to Col. Hutchinson, are ineffective. Concrete runways are not generally used in airports built in the British Isles, he related, and the huge craters blown in the ground are filled in and packed down in a few hours by fast-working repair crews. Col. Hutchinson said that in the raids he experienced, none of the bombers ferried over was hit directly, although one or two suffered minor damages from bomb fragments.

Praise For Britons

Col. Hutchinson and other trans-Atlantic pilots with whom I have talked have high praise for the British Overseas Airways pilots assigned to work with them. One in particular, Capt. D. C. T. Bennett, the director of operations, is credited with keeping the service at a high point of efficiency in spite of slip-ups and bottle-necks outside his control. Capt. Bennett, the pilots report, often works all day on administrative details, then decides to take overseas a four-engined bomber, and after a few hours' rest in Britain flies back again with a load of ferry pilots in his plane.

According to an official announcement of the British Press Service, four types of American bombers are being delivered by air. It reports: "There is the Lockheed Hudson, latest version of the reconnaissance bomber, which has done such magnificent work. There is the Boeing 'flying fortress,' This is a big, four-motored, high-flying bomber with a fine reputation. There is the Consolidated Liberator, four-motored heavy bomber, one of the fastest heavy bombers in the world. And there is the long-range Consolidated Catalina flying boat, one of which already has gained fame by its twenty-hour shadowing of the Bismarck."

There have been persistent rumours that Britain intends to fly some of its smaller fighter aircraft, equipped with extra gasoline tanks, across this summer, but so far none has gone.

COULDN'T JOIN US— DIED

Rudolf Landmann, 19, of Toronto, Canada, a German, tried to join the Canadian Air Force, was refused and committed suicide under a goods train—British United Press.

AMERICA COULD FEED BRITAIN BY AIR

Speaking at Schenectady, Mr. Kenneth Farrell, the food chemist, said that if shipping was unable to reach Britain it would be possible for the U.S. dried food industry to ship enough supplies by plane to feed every man, woman and child in Britain.

He calculated that 300 bombers could supply one day's food.

"SPIES" FIND ARMY GOSSIP

The Army is talking too much in this war.

This is the opinion of officials who have been "pumping" people in towns near big camps.

They were sent out to discover how much anyone would talk. How much a Fifth Columnist could discover if he tried, and what people were saying. And they found it easy.

Civilians generally cold-shoulder them. But soldiers, from captains down to privates often—casually and ingenuously—gave them all the information they want, and more.

Dropping into the conversation with a subaltern in a village bar, an official had no difficulty in discovering where his H.Q. was, how many men were stationed there, and what other troops were in the neighbourhood.

The official's report showed exactly what information he had received from different ranks in the Army and exactly what answers he got from civilians.

No one challenged him, although, if they had done so, they would have found reason to doubt his identity.

AXIS SHOWBOAT TO WOOD S. AMERICA

There's a gay and luxuriously equipped showboat sailing across the South Atlantic.

She's an Axis bid to lure South Americans from friendship with Britain and the U.S.A., and her stock-in-trade includes an orchestra, rich foods, rare wines and lots of honeyed words. Flying the flag of "neutral" Spain, the showboat is the 6,735-ton Cabodehornos, and aboard are Spanish and South American officials notorious for their links with Nazis.

Cabodehornos will call at all the chief ports of South America, and leading citizens will be invited aboard.

BURIED IN ONE GRAVE

Sir James and Lady Frazer, who died within a few hours of one another, were buried in one grave at St. Giles's Cemetery, Cambridge.

CHINA MAIL
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ANTHEM OF VICTORY

Throughout the nations under the heel of Hitler the letter "V" has become a symbol of the eventual victory of freedom. Chalked up on walls, it is a constant reminder to the Nazi garrisons of the submerged fires glowing under their boot heels, the fires that shall eventually destroy them and the manifold miseries for which they stand. On a recent evening the B.B.C., in every tongue spoken in Europe, suggested a number of variations on the "V" theme, calculated to drive home to the Germans the explosive quality of the hatred they have distilled on an unhappy continent. The broadcast pointed out that the Morse code signal for "V" was three dots and a dash and told Europe's oppressed to use that rhythm when they knocked upon a door, when they wished to summon a waiter, whenever they sought to express their contempt and defiance for their temporary masters.

Reports received in London indicate that the "sound war" is being taken up enthusiastically by the peoples of the occupied lands, that villagers beat out the rhythm of the "V" upon the sidewalks as German troops march through their streets, and audiences in motion-picture houses applaud to the same beat when the ordained reels of Nazi conquest are flashed upon the screen. It is not hard to appreciate the effect of this tapped-out jeer upon the invaders, to picture the nervous alertness of a Gestapo official who hears the ominous beat in every swinging shutter, creaking door and in every drumming rainfall.

But the rhythm of the "V" has another application even more dramatic, more appealing to the imagination. In the broadcast the announcer played the opening bars of Beethoven's Fifth symphony—that solemn phrase which has been termed the motive of fate. "You will notice," said the announcer, "that it is in the same rhythm as the Morse code 'V' sound. This rhythm is heard throughout the Fifth Symphony. This rhythm is your rhythm, your sign, the sign of resistance against tyranny, the sign of a great European army which will one day sweep the Germans away like straws in a flood." And so a great work of art, in this curious fashion, becomes the anthem of a great movement for human liberation; a noble effort finds noble expression.

The Fifth Symphony has many titles to this honour beyond the coincidence of rhythm, beyond even the intrinsic grandeur of the music. It was the product of another period of struggle against oppression, created by a master who was inspired by that struggle. It was completed, probably, in the year of Ulm, Austerlitz—and Trafalgar; it was first performed when the Spaniards were rising against Napoleon and patriotic fervour was sweeping the lands that the Emperor of the French had conquered, and, while less directly associated with the fight for freedom than Beethoven's "Eroica" or his "Battle" Symphony, it breathes the spirit of the era. May it be the same for our own troubled period—an anthem of hope in dark hours and of victory in the end!



West Africa The 'Iceland' Of S. Atlantic

THE strategy of the Atlantic remains America's principal, though not only military concern; and its importance has just been re-emphasised by the movement of American armed forces to Iceland. In a sense, Iceland forms part of the island sea-barrier of which the British Isles are the principal bastion, and which control access to the Atlantic from northern Europe; that is, which commands both the sea approaches to northern Europe from North America, and vice versa.

But a glance at a map of the Atlantic Ocean will show that for the purposes of American security this is hardly enough. Very likely much of the lack of clear thinking about our present military problems is due to our school geographies, which rarely contain maps of the Atlantic Ocean as a whole, but rather separate maps of the continents. Far better than a map for a clear understanding of the Atlantic problem, however, is a globe.

Three General Areas

Looking at a globe, it will be perceived that there are three general areas which American forces desiring to contain any European threat against the Americas must control. One is the island bridge across the North Atlantic, already mentioned; one is the Caribbean Sea, commanding all access to the Panama Canal and the Gulf of Mexico and controlling communication with the Pacific, and one is the narrow area between the western bulge of Africa and the northeastern shoulder of Brazil, with the island groups covering the approach to this region from Europe. The Azores, Canaries, Madeiras and Cape Verde. Neither in these islands, nor on the western bulge of Africa itself, can the United States tolerate any hostile air or naval bases which might threaten our security, or the security of our Latin-American neighbours which is so closely bound up with our own. Moreover, if, as is certainly possible, we are called upon in our own interests to engage in active operations in the North Atlantic to maintain the island barrier of Great Britain, we ought to see to it that the Germans are given no opportunity to use their air and submarine forces to create a diversion in the South Atlantic and thus either draw off part of our strength, or threaten us into inaction in the north. Security is just as essential a principle of war as offensive ac-

tion, and offensive action must be developed from a secure base.

May Use U.S. Troops

Furthermore, we might as well recognise that we cannot solve this problem by obtaining a base on the Brazilian coast, as has been suggested recently in certain quarters. The political problems involved in doing this seem insoluble. Any such base must be garrisoned by our own troops if it is constructed; otherwise our safety rests on the ability of the Brazilians to defend the base against a full-scale modern attack, and we must further be assured that no change, local or general, will take place which might endanger the safety of the base. This is hardly enough mar-

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

gin of safety, since the very fact that any Brazilian government which would bring American troops to Brazilian soil would in itself be sufficient to cause the gravest criticisms of its conduct to arise in Brazil, and the Germans know very well how to exploit the never dying and by a little American help in the Latin-American fears of "Yankee imperialism."

We might, in building or contributing to the building of such a base, be increasing rather than decreasing our danger, we might be providing the Germans with exactly the sort of bridgehead into the Americas which they could use against us at a critical moment. Finally, a base in Brazil is not nearly as well located for all purposes of American security as a base on the western bulge of Africa in the vicinity of Dakar, supplemented by control of the Cape Verde Islands and perhaps some others. There are political problems here too; but at least they are not of so grave a nature as to involve the whole of the gains of our "good-neighbour" policy.

Vichy Firmly In Nazi Grip

All of which brings us to the question of why we are not at least more cordial, if nothing

more, to the Free French, who already control French Equatorial Africa and might, with a little help, enlarge their holdings to include much of French West Africa, even Dakar itself. It may be urged that we can hardly deal with the Free French when we still recognise the Vichy government and are trying to nurse along some rather tenuous dealings with Gen. Weygand in North Africa. But what has this policy got us so far? Exactly nothing. Vichy is firmly in the grip of the Nazis, and that grip will be tightened when it suits Hitler's purposes. Weygand has shown not the slightest sign of willingness to take any action against the Axis, though he had the opportunity of a lifetime when the British had conquered Cyrenaica and the Free French had thrust boldly up to Marzuk in southern Libya.

Our official attitude seems to be that the Free French are a sort of British offshoot, and that if we aid the British, the British can aid the Free French as they see fit; yet this is just the position in which the Free French ought not to be placed in the eyes of the French people, who are being told with such persistent reiteration by the German propaganda machine that the British are using the Free French as an instrument of nefarious plans to take over the French colonial empire.

As a matter of fact, America's standoffish policy toward the Free French, as contrasted with the help of various sorts that we have given to Vichy and Weygand, seems to place a premium, as to Vichy, on collaboration with the Germans, or, as to Weygand, a premium on inaction.

Could Be Of Great Value

Yet those very Free Frenchmen are in a position to be of great value to us if they were helped even a little. There was a time when Dakar could have been taken from the sea without much difficulty; delay and hesitation have not improved this situation. But Dakar would not long resist the combination of naval pressure and of a consolidating movement from the rear in which the Free French, aided by the British from their West African colonies in the way of munitions and planes, might mop up Dahomey, the Ivory Coast, French Guinea and the Niger territory. The repercussions of such a move would be very great even in North Africa.

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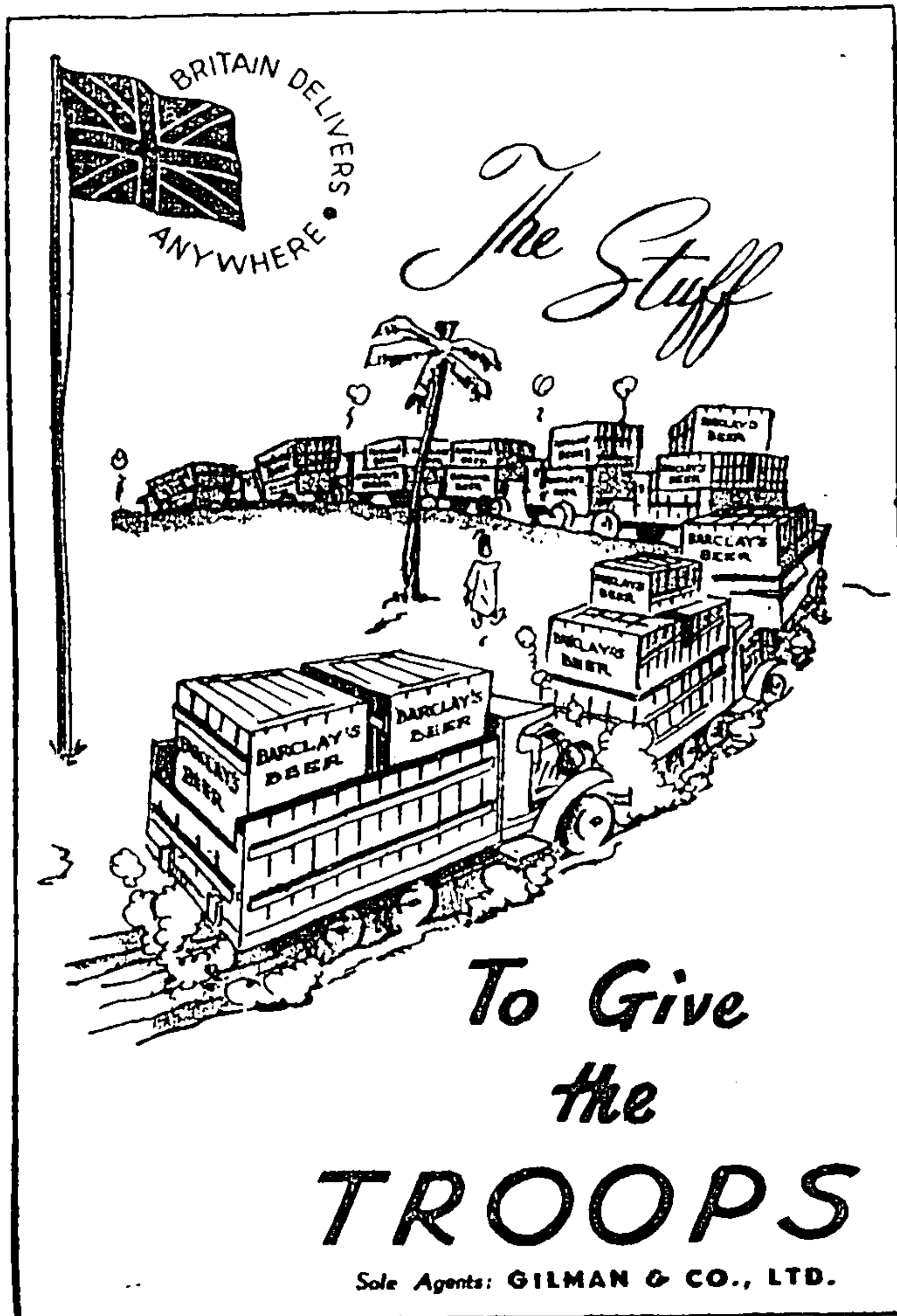
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OUTPUT IN U.S. BEYOND THAT OF 1917

AMERICAN INDUSTRY IS PRODUCING WEAPONS OF WAR AT A RATE THAT WAS NOT GENERALLY ACHIEVED IN 1917 UNTIL THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN IN THE WORLD WAR FOR MONTHS.

A survey of armament progress as compared with production in 1917 reveals that, in many categories, industry is even ahead of the rate reached when the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.

The consensus of defence officials is that the United States is rearming more speedily after fourteen months of defence effort than it was in April, 1917.

The American armed forces today are superior in man power, machines and materials to what they were when war was declared twenty-four years ago.

War Department records show that on April 6, 1917, the Army had 133,000 Regulars and 67,000 National Guard troops; the Navy, 77,000 officers and men, and the Marine Corps, 13,600.

The present Army strength is 1,448,500, while that of the Navy totals 273,096 and that of the Marine Corps, 54,342. Production of the new Garand rifle approximates 1,000 a month. Deliveries on the World War Enfield rifle did not begin until August, 1917, and only 2,000 were received then. Between 600,000 and 800,000 Springfields and Krag-Jorgenson rifles were on hand April, 1917, but to-day, after 800,000 rifles have been sent to Great Britain, the United States has a reserve of more than 1,200,000.

Example In Machine Guns

In April, 1917, there was virtually no machine-gun production. Now 1,000 .50-calibre and 4,000 .30-calibre machine-guns are produced each month. Peak machine-gun production for the World War was reached one month before the armistice and only 227,000 Browning, Vickers, Marlin and Lewis guns had been delivered by then.

There was no tank production in April, 1917, but 1,100 light tanks were sent overseas before the armistice. Already 150 thirteen-ton tanks are rolling off assembly lines each month and production will begin on twenty-six-ton tanks next month.

Total artillery production for the Army and Navy now approximates sixty guns a day. There was no appreciable production during the World War until January, 1918.

Figures on present powder production and ammunition are confidential. O.P.M. officials estimate the powder output at 1,200 per cent. above a year ago and small arms ammunition as up more than 1,400 per cent. Ordnance officials seek production of 20,000,000 .30-calibre cartridges every twenty-four hours and 4,000,000 .50-calibre cartridges every hour, about 50 per cent. above 1918 production.

Ordnance officials estimate that the 50 per cent. powder production capacity now in operation is 100 per cent. of 1918 production. There are about twenty-four powder plants, costing more than \$500,000,000, under construction.

'Plane Capacity Is Stressed

Industry is now producing planes at the rate of 18,000 a year. The Air Force of fifty-five planes was declared obsolete at the beginning of the World War and only 1,885 planes were shipped overseas.

The Navy entered the last war with 300 combat vessels. It today has 337 combat ships, with 355 others building or authorised.

The merchant fleet at the beginning of the World War totalled only 2,000,000 tons but rose rapidly with mass production. The Maritime Commission estimated that the merchant marine had 8,000,000 tons as of April 1. Expansion plans called for the construction of 1,271 vessels with a tonnage of 14,500,000. During May, ten merchant vessels were delivered.

Machine tools are being delivered at the rate of 1,000 a day, with

an annual cost of \$750,000,000. Production during 1918 averaged about 250 a day and cost \$185,000,000 for the year.

The Army already has its required number of scout cars. Supply did not match demand during the World War.

The defence statistical progress report estimates that \$46,914,000,000 has been authorised by Congress for defence. Contract awards now total \$21,000,000,000 and money actually spent totals \$6,300,000,000. Treasury spending for the period from April, 1917, to April, 1919, totalled only \$23,500,000,000. Loans, however, were advanced to the Allies at the rate of nearly \$500,000 an hour, which compares to the lease-lend fund of \$7,000,000,000.

The O.P.M.'s labour division reported that more workers were trained during the first month of the emergency than were trained during the whole World War period. More than 1,500,000 persons have completed labour training from July 1, 1940, to the present.

7 HOMES: NONE LEFT FOR HER

Mrs. Eliza Dunkley set down her little case on the heap of rubble that had been a pavement and gazed tearfully at the wreckage of her home.

For most of her seventy years that Humberside cottage had been her world. Here she had reared her family of seven children.

Now she came back from a trip to a daughter's in the country to find that a Nazi bomb had laid it in ruin.

"Never mind," she said to the "Daily Mirror." "I've still got three sons and three daughters here. They've been good bairns to me. They will all be glad to give me a home."

Their Homes Gone, Too

One by one she found their homes. Each one was either a total wreck or so ruined that it was not habitable.

Her three sons and three daughters had all gone with their families into rest shelters.

So the widowed mother returned to her own home, rummaged among the wreckage, collected together the few little cheap trinkets she could find and, with grimy face and dusty costume, went back to her daughter in the country.

There was nothing else she could do.

BEGGAR EARNED MORE THAN M.P.

BEGGING IN THE STREET NOT FAR FROM THE MINISTRY OF PENSIONS WAS A MAN CLAIMING TO BE A NEEDY WAR PENSIONER.

One of the Ministry's doctors, seeing the man shivering in the cold, sent him a good overcoat. The man refused it, saying that it would "spoil his business."

FOUGHT IN A BLUE CLOAK

Wearing a blue cloak fastened with a gold clasp embossed with the Lion of Judah, an Irishman mounted on a charger led into action amid the Abyssinian lakes an army of Abyssinian patriots.

He was Captain Thomas Hetherington Henfrey.

His irregulars are called Henfrey's Scouts.

UNAWARE HE'S EARL

"This is my daddy's house, but you can't see him. He hasn't been here since Sunday," said a fair-haired, freckled little boy.

"This engine is a cracker," he volunteered, as he clambered into the driving seat of an old lorry.

"My name's Mike. I'm six, and I can climb right up to the top of this van."

I was talking (writes a correspondent) to the twenty-first Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, lord of the 10,000 acres surrounding him, master of the centuries-old house behind him. But he did not know he was an earl.

Fought With Brains

Until recently he was Michael John James George Robert Howard Viscount Andover. Then a telegram came telling his mother, once Mimi Crawford, favourite of playgoers, that her thirty-five-year-old husband the Earl of Suffolk, had been killed.

He did not lay it down on the field of battle as did his father in the Iraq desert in 1917.

He chose to go into the front line as a civilian because he thought that he could best help his country with his brains. He was a brilliant scientist.

But when young Mike is older — he has not been told of the earl's death — he will find that his father's name is written among the bravest of the brave.

SOMETHING HE CANNOT GRASP

Hitler does not understand democracy, declared Mr. A. C. C. Robertson, a cotton workers' leader, when he addressed the Textile Factory Workers' Association at Blackpool.

"He made the first mistake," said Mr. Robertson, "in thinking that our democratic commonwealth would fall to pieces at the first blast of war."

"He never could and never will understand men from the Dominions, India and the Colonies crossing the world to defend a country they have never seen."

'PLANE HITS TRAWLER

Crashing into a Grimsby trawler in the darkness, an enemy plane was so badly damaged that it is believed it could not reach its base.

turned out that he was making a bigger income than a member of Parliament and lived comfortably.

The Minister of Pensions told this story in the Commons asking M.P.s not to accept pensions "hard earned" as genuine without inquiry.

GIRLS MAKE GUNS TO BEAT THE NAZI TANKS

(By GORDON SCHAFFER)

IN A WELSH FACTORY I HAVE SEEN GIRLS WHO A FEW MONTHS AGO HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ENGINEERING MAKING ANTI-TANK GUNS SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH SMASHED THE ITALIAN ATTACK IN LIBYA.

During their lunch-hour concert, an officer who took part in the Libyan campaign told the girls of the deadly work of their guns.

"We saw 30 tanks coming towards us," the officer said. "They had between two and two and a half inches of armour-plate.

"Our first shot from one of these guns set a 30-ton Italian tank on fire.

"Then we began picking them out one by one. After the battle we found that one of our shots had gone through the mounting the thickest part of the tank. Another tank had been split in two.

"With these guns you are making, we can take on anything either the Italians or Germans can turn out."

The girls cheered.

The Ford Method

This Royal Ordnance factory is administered directly by the Ministry of Supply. Little over a year ago the site was a green field. Now the machines are working practically 24 hours a day.

From the beginning the manager had to tackle the task of producing the guns with unskilled labour. Formerly the work had taken a high proportion of skilled men.

He has done for the tank gun what Ford did for the motor-car. Every operation has been broken down into a simple job capable of being performed by unskilled labour. One part of the gun alone required 74 simple tasks of this kind. No less than 615 sketches had to be made by skilled draughtsmen. Skilled men had to be used to design and make 246 special tools and 62 jigs.

Once the preliminary work was done, production went ahead. Eighty per cent. of the factory staff now consists of girls. No girl is expected to master more than a few operations—six is the maximum.

Skilled men are needed only to set the machines.

Dancers And Servants

The girls were previously in all kinds of jobs. Domestic servants, factory workers, dress-makers, and shop assistants form the majority.

One girl whom I watched at her machine was formerly a professional dancer. Another girl was smiling happily because she had just learned that her fiancé, one of our parachute troops landed in Italy, was safe as prisoner of war.

Before appointment each girl is interviewed and assigned to the job best suited to her ability. In the early stages, tuition in micrometer reading is given as part of the ordinary working day. Thirty hours' instruction is enough to fit the girls for their jobs.

More than 95 per cent. of the girls are in the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Factory Committee

They have been recruited by Mrs. Winifred Thompson, the young shop steward, whose father and husband are both members of the A.E.U.

"The management gives us facilities to recruit the girls as soon as they are taken on," she told me.

"We have a Factory Committee, on which the Unions are represented, to discuss all problems, and we are allowed to use factory premises for Union business."

"I have visited many factories since war broke out. Never have I seen one where the dual task of utilizing unskilled labour and of providing for the welfare of the staff are so effectively combined.

In the words of one girl, "No one chases you around here. You don't feel that the foreman is always spying on you."

It is encouraging to find a Government factory setting the pace in regard to conditions.

But the operation of the Essential Works Order, under which workers are tied to a particular factory, is going to cause discontent if more private employers do not follow the Government's example.

MET AT THE FULL MOON

The full moon was the appointed night for a meeting of the Group for Sacrifice and Service.

Its members, some of them titled and wealthy people, came from all parts of the country to attend the all-night service at a house in a London park.

But halfway through their devotions, when about 60 people were praying, bombs fell on the houses next door, killing fourteen worshippers and injuring many others.

Among those killed were Dr. Bertha Orton, an eye expert, of Kensington—who two months previously had lost her daughter-in-law and her son—and Officer-Cadet Basil Carmel, Henry Sackville Russell, 21, stepson of Alan Howland, the B.B.C. announcer.

A member of the society told the "Daily Mirror":

"The meeting-place was in what used to be the ballroom of a large fashionable house.

"Headquarters of the movement are in California, and the branch in London is hardly known."

DOG PAL OF EMPEROR

ROSA, AN OLD BROWN AND WHITE MONGREL DOG, STOOD BY THE SIDE OF THE HOSTESS AT THE EMPRESS OF ETHIOPIA'S RECEPTION AT HER BATH HOME.

The dog was brought to England by the Emperor Haile Selassie. She was with him all the time he was fighting the Italians, and was blinded in one eye by poison gas.

Only once, when the Mayor of Bath, Mr. Aubrey Bath, Mr. Aubrey Bateman, proposed the health of the Emperor who has regained his kingdom, did Rosa rise to her feet and look inquiringly at the sixty guests as they clinked their glasses.

SEEDS FOR OUR PRISONERS

The Royal Horticultural Society is forming a committee to collect vegetable and flower seeds from members of the Society for British prisoners of war. Prisoners have asked for seeds, and they may be sent in Red Cross envelopes.

MAIMED MEN'S GIFT TO LEGLESS PILOT

A cigarette box of inlaid New Zealand wood is being sent to Britain by air to Squadron-Leader D. R. S. Bader, D.S.O., the legless leader of a Canadian squadron of the R.A.F.

It is the gift of armless and legless ex-soldiers in New Zealand as a tribute to his determination in overcoming his infirmity. — Associated Press.

THE DEEDS OF A SPITFIRE

You have heard of the deeds of Spitfire pilots. This is the story of a Spitfire.

In its short career it bagged three Me 109s before it was shot down.

Here is the log of how the Me's fell:—

No. 1 was shot down from 20,000ft. by the squadron's commanding officer, who first flew the Spitfire in a battle with nine enemy fighters.

No. 2 fell into the sea of Dover when the Spitfire, with the same pilot, led a surprise attack on eight Me 109s.

No. 3 also plunged into the sea after the pilot of the Spitfire (another airman with four earlier successes) had pulled the machine out of a 20,000ft. vertical dive.

Recently the Spitfire was shot down in battle, but the pilot saved.

"We could do with a few more like it," the squadron's C.O. wrote to the Royal Observer Corps, who presented it to the Fighter Command.

DAUGHTER OF PEER KILLED

The Hon. June Forbes-Sempill, eighteen-year-old daughter of Lord Sempill, the airman peer, and grand daughter of Sir John Lavery, was killed within 100 yards of her father's home in a night air raid on London.

At the time she was on duty with the W.V.S.

Her engagement to Pilot Officer Philip Tilney Thornton, R.A.F.V.R. was announced six weeks ago.

When the bomb fell, her stepmother Lady Sempill, told the "Daily Mirror", "June was in uniform waiting for a call to go out with her mobile canteen."

Miss Forbes-Sempill's fiancé is in the Middle East with the R.A.F. Intelligence.

HOW TO SHOOT A DIVE BOMBER— IN LESSON

Lord Mottistone told this story in London:

A British trawler shot down a dive bomber, and some one was sent from the Admiralty to inquire from the captain how it was done.

The captain, pointing to George, his gunner, replied: "I sez, 'George.' He sez, 'Aye, aye, sir.' Then I sez, 'Acroplane reported.' He sez, 'Aye, aye, sir.' Then I sez, 'Shoot the blighter.' He sez, 'Aye aye, sir.' Then shoots him."

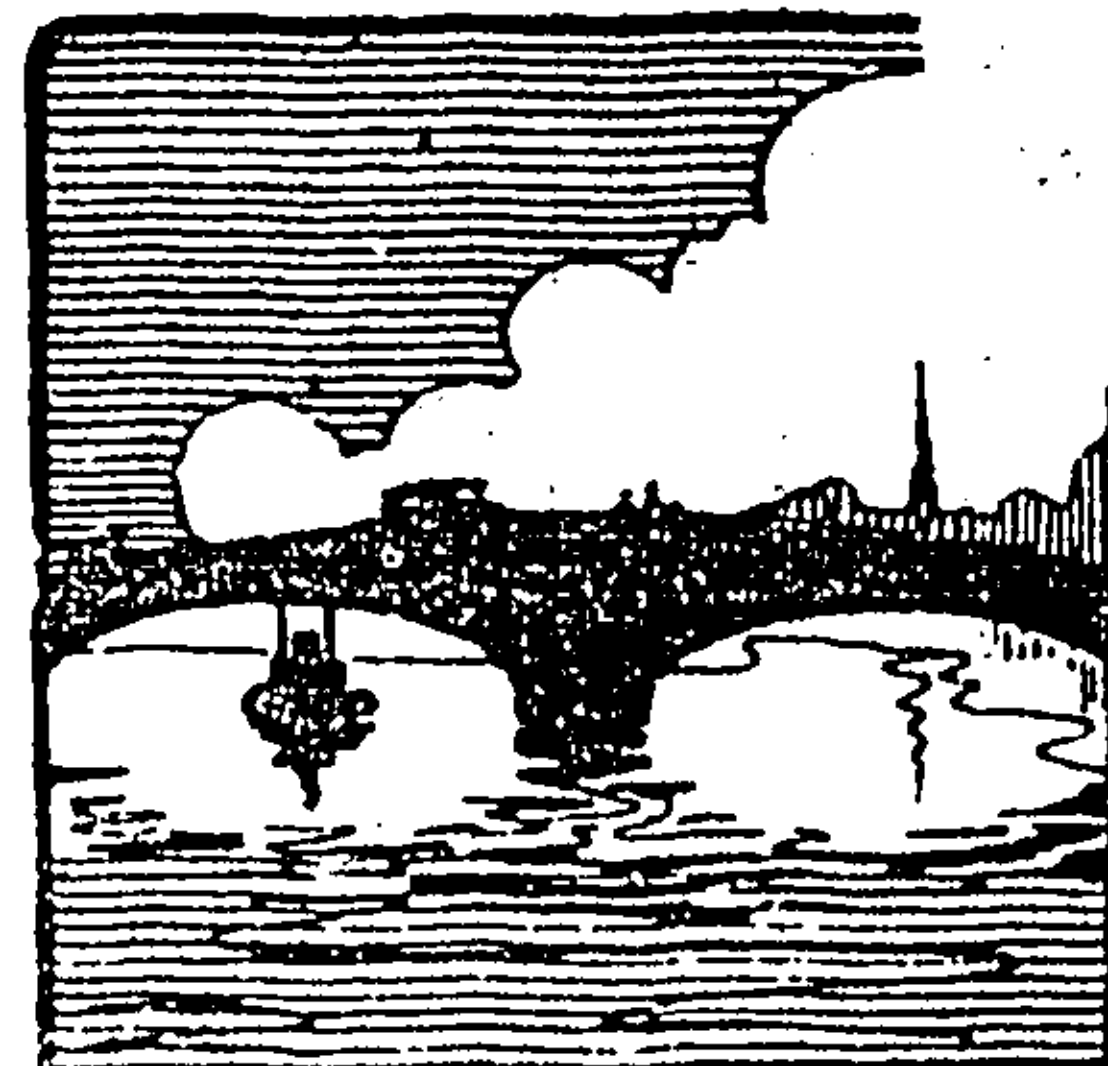
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USEFUL CARDS

By The Four Aces

"This type of hand," complains a Baltimore reader, "seems to give us a good deal of trouble. Game was cold without a finesse; as a matter of fact we'd have made an extra trick if the diamond Ace had been in the right spot. But we stopped short of game, as you can see:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable			
NORTH			
♠	K 8 5 4		
♥	7 5 3 2		
♦	8 2		
♣	K 7 3		
WEST			
♠	J 6		
♥	Q J 10		
♦	A J 4 3		
♣	10 9 6 5		
EAST			
♠	10 9		
♥	A K 8 6 4		
♦	Q 10 9 7		
♣	J 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A Q 7 3 2		
♥	9		
♦	K 6 5		
♣	A Q 8 4		

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 3♠ Pass

"South didn't see how he could bid any more with a hand so full of holes. As he pointed out, if North's club King had been the heart King, he would still have to lose three red tricks and would also lose one or two clubs. And North didn't see how he could make any energetic bid with only two Kings and not even a singleton. But the thing that all of us didn't see was why this lay-down game couldn't be bid logically and safely. Can you tell us?"

We can't state why the game couldn't be bid because we think it should have been bid. Our correspondent put his finger on the vital point when he said that game would have been impossible if North had held the heart King instead of the club King. South had no way of telling which King (if any) North held—but North did know. Although North had only two Kings, he could be sure they were useful cards, for they were in the suits South had bid. For that reason, North should have jumped to four spades. Game can be made with surprisingly little strength if all of it is just where it's needed.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠	9 7 5		
♥	K 9 6 4		
♦	K 7 3 2		
♣	10 6		

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♦ Pass 1♥ 2♣
2♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your partner probably has only a four-card spade suit, and will probably be a great deal better off at diamonds than at spades. Your hand is weak, but you must show your preference for diamonds.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 50% for pass.

Question No. 786

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠	K 7 5		
♥	K 9 6 4 3		
♦	7 3 2		
♣	10 6		

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby
1♦ Pass 1♥ 2♣
2♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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PEARLIES' GLORY IS FADING

(By ELISABETH BOWLEY)

PRETTY POLLY is a costermonger's donkey — and she's been sent into the country for the "duration"

No because she's ill or "blitzed"—or old—but because she's out of work.

And that goes for many of the donkeys and ponies who trotted round the London streets pulling their loads of fruit and flowers, of vegetables, cat's-meat or firewood logs.

Pretty Polly is just one of those who have been forced out of harness by the high price and scarcity of fruit and vegetables; because yes, we have no bananas and tomatoes cost the earth; by the bombing of stables and the fact that a costermonger who cannot stock his barrow cannot afford to rent a stable anyway or find food for a donkey.

London's costermongers are a dwindling race. Originally they were called costardmongers — a costard being a kind of large apple they trundled round for sale.

The coster kingdoms, districts like Walworth, Stepney, Hampstead and so on—are "ruled over" by a Pearlie King and Queen—the word "Pearlie" being derived from the pearl buttons which are lavishly sewn on to their "State occasion" clothes.

Pretty Polly's master, who has been Pearlie King of a North London district for thirty-five years, has 13,000 pearl buttons on his coat, over 1,000 on his cap and some 600 on his trousers.

His queen has a blue velvet dress and a wine red velvet coat—both heavy and glittering with their button designs. Her large blue velvet hat nods and sways with its thirteen ostrich feathers—dyed in thirteen gay colours.

On great occasions—at the Harvest Festival held in the Coster Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Southwark, and at the Annual Coster Donkey and Pony Show, the Pearlie Kings and Queens come forth in all their glory.

Many times has Pretty Polly jingled her harness proudly as she carried off the big silver cup with her king and queen riding behind her.

She has trotted into the first place so often that her master and mistress have a fine collection of miniature cups—now packed safely out of bombs' way. She has helped to collect money for many hospitals and charities.

For some years now Big Business has been poaching on the coster's preserves. Smart boys with money buy fifty barrows and hire them out to "free lances," and smarter boys with more money find light motor vans are quicker and more amenable than donkeys or ponies.

So perhaps Pretty Polly and her kind have had their day. And perhaps this war, which has banished them from grey streets to green fields, will put an end for ever to the coster-monger as London knew him—with his street cries and his festive "Pearlies."

CAT ADOPTS TWO RATS

A cat at Ashtabula, Ohio, has adopted two baby rats into her own family of two kittens. Rats and kittens play together. — British United Press.

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A BOOK BEAT THE BLITZ

(By Kenneth Hord)

Flames crept towards the door of the noble gaming room, smoke began to waft across the tables, excited cries from the street penetrated the exclusive portals.

But the gamblers played on, heedless of the leaping fire, engrossed only in the play of the cards, until the watchmen burst into their sanctuary to disturb the game.

And White's, the oldest club in London, nearly as old as the Bank of England, was burnt to the ground.

But that scene, pictured by Hogarth in his "Rake's Progress" happened 168 years ago.

When a fire-raising Hun unloaded an incendiary on the rebuilt White's in a recent raid the watchmen had become fire guards, and the blaze was quickly quenched.

Blast damaged the card-room and the famous club was closed for a fortnight, but now the building in St. James's-street, with the celebrated bow window where Beau Brummell used to lord it, is open once again.

Any member who had laid a bet against the survival of the club will have to endure himself in patience through further blitzes—and if he loses in the end he will pay over with a cheerful flourish of his pocket book.

White's members have never minded how long they waited before their bets matured.

In the boisterous heyday of the establishment, in the middle of the 18th century, they used to bet on such pleasant fancies as the expectation of life of some of the clubmen; £240, besides sweepstakes, was staked on the intriguing prospect of which of the two lovely Miss Gummings would be first blessed with offspring.

Walpole tells of the bets made when a man dropped dead outside the door. When the body was carried inside, the habitués wagered on whether he were really dead, and there was indignation when an attempt was made to bleed him, this being held to affect the fairness of the bet.



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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Minerals Needed For Beauty

You have been hearing a good deal about vitamins and minerals of late. To-day I want to tell you as simply as possible about minerals which are essential to the well-balanced menu.

Minerals work in our bodies four ways: They make bones, teeth, the skeleton. They are the chief solid part of all soft tissues (muscles, blood, etc.). They cause muscles and nerves to work properly (regulate the heart beat, etc.). They supply the materials necessary to keep a proper balance in the fluids, digestive juices and other secretions of the body.

How Minerals Affect Beauty Problems

When we see people whose health and beauty are affected by poor teeth, poor bone formations resulting in hollow chests, poorly developed lungs, not to mention bow legs, knock knees, and flat feet and very serious after results of rickets, we begin to appreciate the importance of having the necessary amounts of minerals in one's diet. Most people do not get enough of calcium, phosphorus or iron.

Let me caution those who cook for the family not to discard the juices of cooked foods. Use the minimum amount of water to cook vegetables and see that all juice is eaten if not with the vegetables, then in soups or gravies. If you discard the juice you discard precious vitamins and minerals.

Which Foods Contain Minerals

Through the courtesy of the New York State Department of Nutrition I shall list foods which contain the three minerals which most diets lack.

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF CALCIUM: Milk, buttermilk, cheese, dandelion greens, figs, molasses, oysters, beans, spinach, oranges, cottage cheese, small onions. (There are many more



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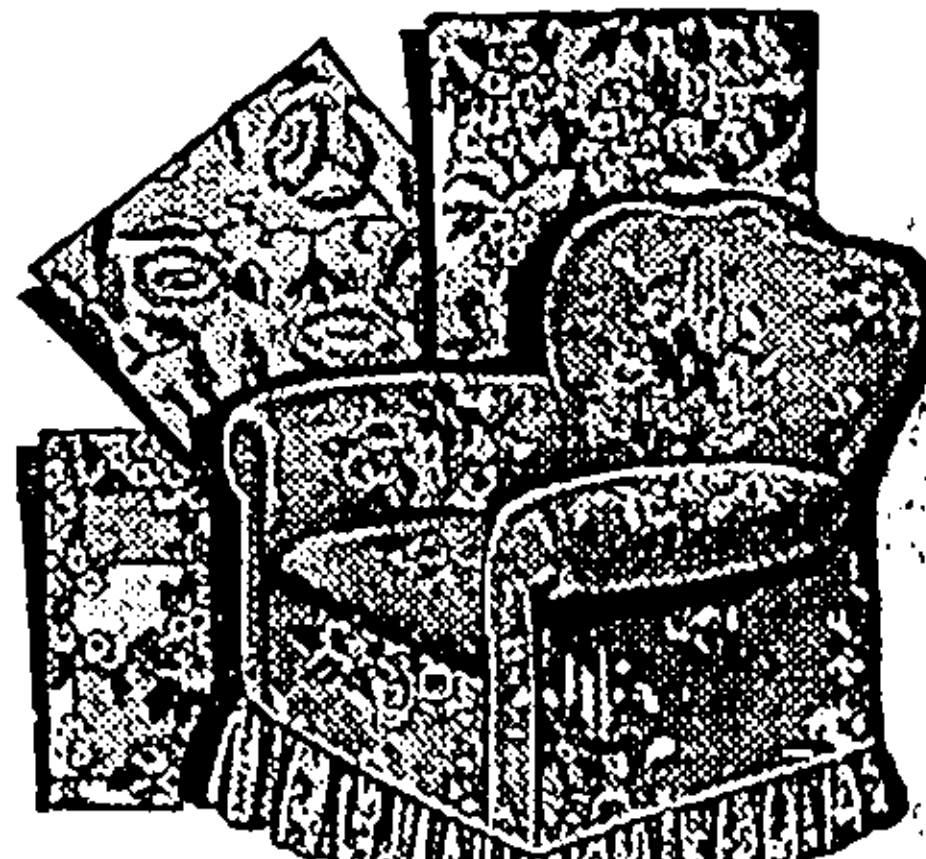
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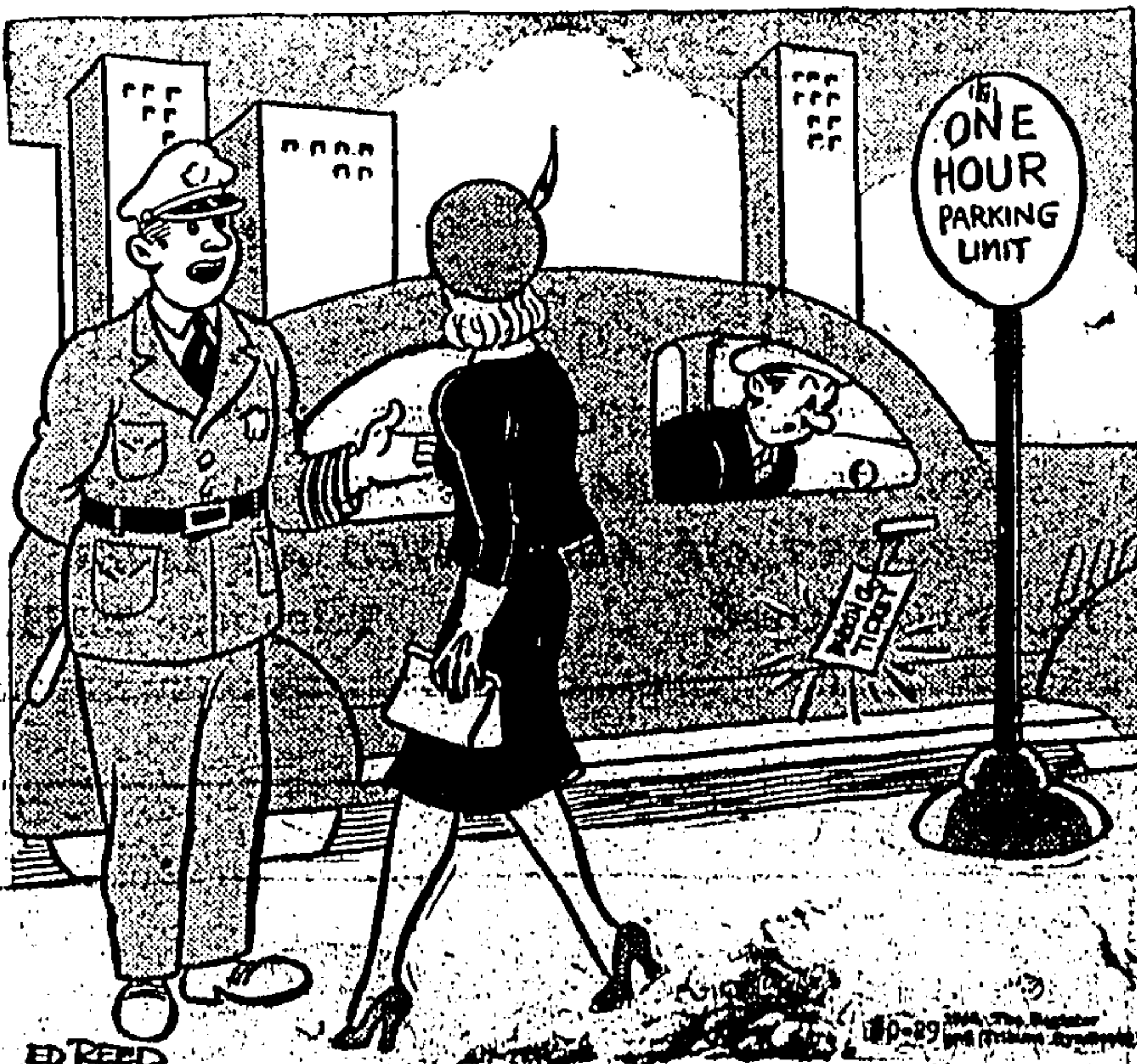
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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—*I Haven't Time To Be a Millionaire*; April Played The Fiddle (from film "If I Had My Way")... Tommy Dorsey and his Orch.
Pase-Doble—Coplas; Slow-Gitano—Ya No Te Quiero... Orchestre Manolo
Bol Et Ses Muchachos.
Fox-Trot—Slow Freight; Eep-Jee... The Mill-Herth Trio.
Tango Argentine—A Love Letter... Heinz Huppertz & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—The Breeze And I; Waltz—When Shall We Two Meet Again... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Charpentier — Impressions d'Italie. Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.

1.25 p.m.—A Song by Georges Thill (Tenor).
"Werther" O Nature, Full of Grace (Massenet)

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
Dorothy Selection (Cellier) Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards
Helen Vocal Gems (Offenbach)
Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra
The Maid of the Mountains (Fraser-Simsen) The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crenn.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—A Military Band Concert and Dennis Noble (Baritone).

Zampa—Overture (Berold, arr. Godfrey)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
The Empire Is Marching (Clifford Grey & Dudley Glass)... Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Le Reve Passe (Krier & Helmer). Officer of the Day (Hall). Massed Bands of the Northern Command
Son O' Mine; The Rebel (both from "Freebooter Songs"—W. Wallace)
Dennis Noble with Piano.

The Grenadiers Waltz; Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel)... Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.18 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
Dear Wales; The Village Spring (Arr. T. Osborne Roberts)... Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.
March of the Men of Harlech (Welsh Air); All Through The Night... Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—A Light Classical Programme.

Evansong (Easthope Martin)... The New Symphony Orchestra.
Sea Fever (Ireland)... Stuart Robertson (Bass) with Piano.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt)... Mischa Levitzki (Piano).
Valse Triste (Sibelius)... Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Wine, Women And Song (Strauss)... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Orch.
Serenade (Moszkowski)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

9.30 p.m.—Liszt—Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem. The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Violin Solos.

The Violin Song (from "Tina"—Paul Rubens); L'Heure Exquise (Hahn)... Albert Sandler with Piano and Cello.
Scherzo Tarantelle (Wienlawski); Malaguena (Sarasate)... Temilanka with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Variety and Dance Music.

Piano—Imagination; They Call Me A Dreamer... "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson).
Fox-Trot—Begin The Beguine; Quick-Step—I've Got My Eyes On You (from "Broadway Melody")... Billy Cotton and his Band.

Vocal—Make Believe Island. Meet The Sun Half-Way (from film "If I Had My Way")... Beryl Davis with Instrumental accomp.
Fox-Trot—I Was Watching A Man Paint A Fence; Slow Fox-Trot—I Love You Too Much... Ambrose & his Orchestra.

Vocal—The Army, The Navy and The Air Force; When The Sergeant Major's On Parade... Cyril Norman with Herman Darewski & his Band.
Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade; Waltz—As Round and Round We Go (from "Haw-Haw")... Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Vocal—The Nearness of You; Much More... Lovely... Elisabeth Welch with Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Faithful Forever (from film "Gulliver's Travels"); Down The Trail Of Dreams... The Organ.

The Dance Band and Me. Vocal—Missouri Waltz... Bing Crosby with Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Moonlight Avenue; Quick-Step—Let The People Sing (from film "Lights Up")... Geraldo & The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

FOOTLIGHTS SHINE ON IN BRITAIN

(By HAROLD HOBSON)

"WE'VE COME BACK to London at absolutely the first possible moment."

It was Leslie Henson, perhaps the greatest of English comedians, who was speaking, after the return to the West End of his revue, "Up and Doing." This entertainment had been one of the most popular shows of 1940 when the September night attacks on London closed down the theatres. It then went on tour in the provinces for about six months, and re-opened at the Saville in the early summer of this year.

"We came back," said Mr. Henson, "as soon as the bombs were out of the theatre, and the road was put down in front of it." The Saville was hit in one of the first big raids, and it is, I believe, the first important London theatre to get repaired and start again. Happily, large numbers of London theatres are still intact. The Shaftesbury, the Queens, and the Palace may present a gaunt and hollow and scorched appearance to the gray eyes of England, but, in the main, the destruction of houses of entertainment has not provided the theatrical profession with any insuperable problems. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the public entertainers of to-day find their activities far more restricted in the present war than they were in the struggle of 25 years ago.

Theatre Front Unstable

One of the main difficulties is that conditions on the theatre front are as hard to stabilise as in the sphere of military affairs. As soon as the war began the Government immediately ordered all theatres to shut down because of the possibility of large-scale bombing. This at once threw out of work many hundreds of people. After a week or so, places of entertainment started cautiously to reopen. Herbert Farjeon started at the Little Theatre with a non-stop revue beginning about lunch-time. A little later, the Westminster led the way backward to evening performances with J. B. Priestley's "Music at Night." Thereafter, theatres and cinemas resumed their activities on a rapidly increasing scale, and the first winter of the war passed with entertainment holding its own, if not actually flourishing.

There were few spectacular productions. Most of the shows that were put on employed only comparatively small numbers of people, and unemployment consequently remained an important factor in the entertainment situation.

At the beginning of the war most of the best-known actors and actresses in Britain offered their services for the amusement of the troops, both in Britain and in France. Players like Leslie Henson, Binnie Hale, and Evelyn Laye crossed over the Channel, and appeared in numerous military concerts. These were organised by E. N. S. A., the Entertainments National Service Association. But gradually one by one these players drifted back into commercial entertainment, though there are some eminent people, like Miss Lillian Braithwaite, who are still actively concerned with E.N.S.A. Its activities are for the most part carried on by actors of less renown.

Bombs Closed Theatres

The collapse of France reduced considerably the volume of entertainment business both in cinemas and theatres. But August, 1940, saw one of the most promising theatrical booms known since the World War. Then in September, 1940, came the bombs. For a few nights the theatres and cinemas tried to carry on. After the play of the evening had finished, the actors and actresses would reappear on the stage, and give a further and impromptu performance, lasting sometimes till 5 o'clock in the morning, when the All Clear signal would enable the audience to return home. But it soon became evident that this sort of thing could not last. The theatres closed down again. Once more Mr. Farjeon led the way to re-opening by presenting his revue, "Diversion," at matinees only.

The institution of double summer time for some months in 1941 has, however, made it possible for theatres now to give early evening performances.

One effect of these vicissitudes

that, generally speaking, the public entertainer is much poorer than he or she was before the war. Until the eve of hostilities there were many players in London earning more than \$80 a week. But it soon became the common custom even for stars to accept £4 a week and a share in the profits. One or two players even to-day, like Raft Harrison, manage to keep a valet, but they are few in number. And those who still live in expensive hotels now engage one room instead of a suite, even though war-time rents in the West End are considerably reduced.

Yet actors and actresses keep cheerful. Some of them are Americans and could, if they wished, have left England several months ago. But they did not.

"Did you ever think of leaving London?" I asked Dorothy Dickson, the most celebrated American singer and dancer we have had over here for 20 years.

"I never thought of it for a moment," she said firmly.

"And didn't you think of going back in the Washington?" I inquired of two Americans acrobats, not at all well-known, whom I ran into in Birmingham one evening as the air raid sirens were blowing.

"Leave England?" they exclaimed. "Not on your life. We'd rather face bombs any day than those New York agents!"

Responsibilities

Shouldered

All classes of players have fully taken their share of the responsibilities that war has thrust on the civilian population of this country.

Ralph Richardson, who is equally well-known both on the stage and the screen, joined the Naval air arm as soon as the war started. When he made a forced landing in Hampshire on one occasion the local inhabitants thought he was a German invader. Michael Shepley became a policeman, and patrolled Trafalgar Square. Miss Dickson joined the Committee of the Refugees of England, an Anglo-American organisation devoted to the welfare of Continental refugees in England. She was one of the first people to take oil stoves down to the East Side of London when an air raid deprived it of gas for cooking. The list could be indefinitely extended, for although the war has in many ways disrupted the lives and activities of the public entertainers of Britain, it certainly has not knocked them off their form, nor lessened their readiness to put up a good show.

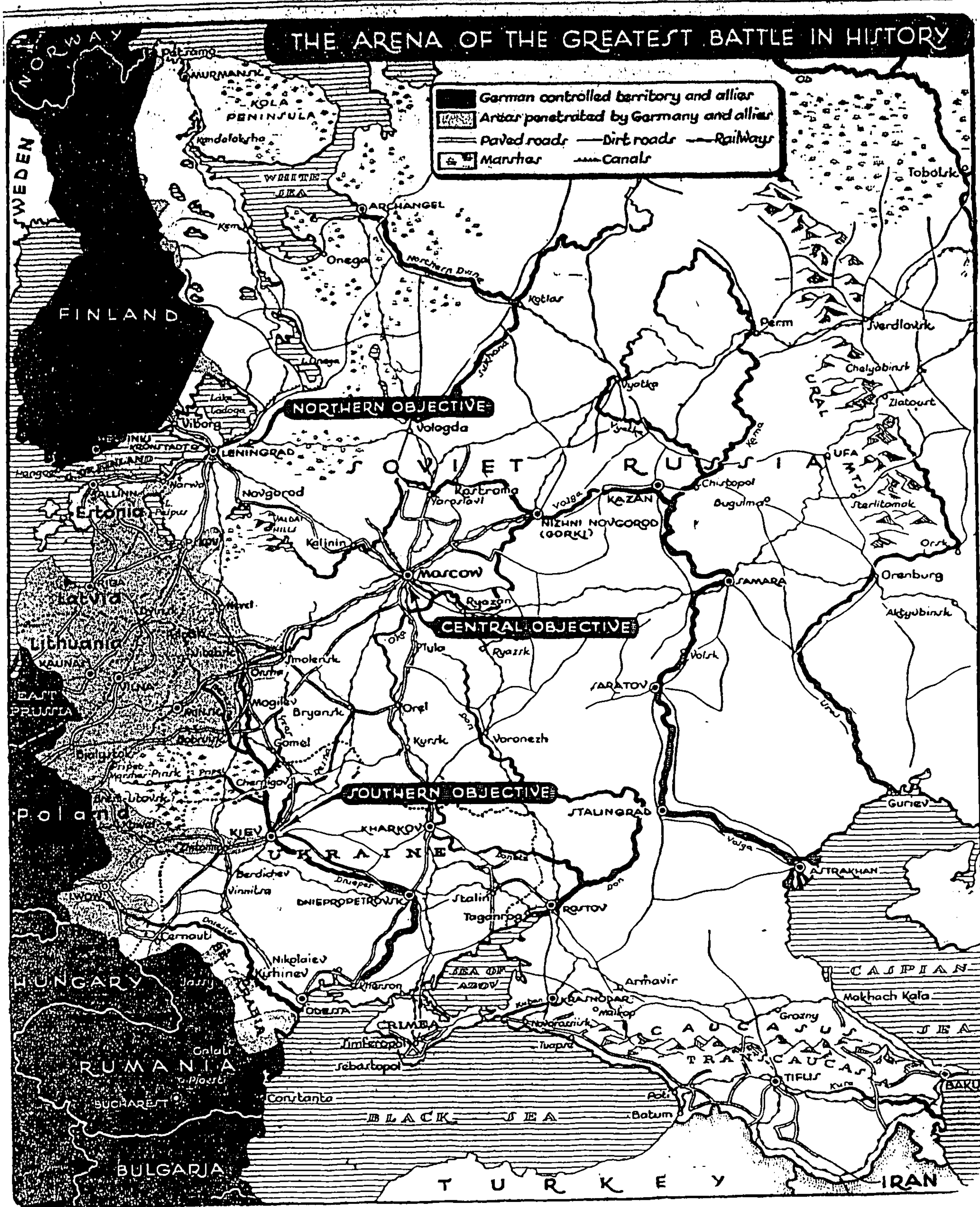
BLAMED BOMBED HOME

When Chas. Owlett (58), of Penywern Road, Earl's Court, was charged at Marlborough Street Police Court with the theft of books from Messrs. Foyle, of Charing Cross Road, he was said to have told a detective that his home had been bombed in South London, and he had lost all his books.

Owlett, who was described as a writer of some standing in the literary world, was seen to climb a ladder in the shop, take the books, and leave the shop. When stopped in the street by the hop detective, he confessed that he had nine others at home.

Owlett told the Magistrate that he had had three disastrous years.

He was bound over for twelve months.

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NO JOBS—GIRLS JOIN A.T.S.

Girls blitzed out of their jobs flooded officials of the women's auxiliary services, ATS, WAAFs and WRENS, with inquiries for enlistment.

"They all say 'I want to do something about this. When can I join?'" an official told the "Daily Mirror". "We won't get the full boom for enlistment for a few days yet."

"We always have a rush of applicants after a heavy blitz and we are fully prepared for this one."
 The girls were among numerous Londoners who found that their jobs had crashed to the ground under the ruins of bombed offices, little shops and bravely-struggling small cafes, the military objectives of the last Hun hate raid. Typists and shop girls rounded the familiar corner which led them to their work to find only a rubble of brick dust and broken glass as a memorial of the steady job of last week.

Often a barrier kept them from approaching the door through which they had entered so many mornings at ten to nine.

Mastered Their Sobs

The loss of their old jobs hit many of these women hard. The young ones took it best, took it with a shrug of resignation and a

LAST SALUTE TO 4 'LITTLE MEN'

THEY CALLED THEM the four "little men," though the eldest was only sixteen.

And when they passed down their East End street for the last time everyone turned out to pay a last tribute to Georgie, Leslie, Terrance and Gordon... the "little men" who died doing a man's job.

They gave their lives fighting in the last big blitz over London.

The boys never missed going out to help in a raid and they were always together, either extinguishing incendiaries, rescuing injured or bringing a chile to shelters.

When they were killed by a high-explosive somewhere near their street they were together trying to put out a fire.

Those shelters they had made smile, the people who owed their lives to them, A.R.P. and A.F.S. volunteers all remembered as they stood watching the last of the "little men."

For the older women, settled into years of regular routine, the occasion was one of deeper sadness and hardly-concealed tears.

Quickly, as if ashamed, they mastered their sobs and joined the street-corner conferences of fellow-employees deciding what to do to find a new living.

Shelterers collected for wreaths, so did the A.F.S. and the local A.R.P.

"Pluckiest Ever"

Neighbours paid the funeral expenses and A.R.P. representatives followed the procession.

"They were the pluckiest boys I've ever seen," a resident down their street told the "Daily Mirror."

Georgie, Leslie, Terrance and Gordon (who was only fourteen), ran messages for the defence services when they were not working on their own.

"We'll miss 'em down our way," said one old man, brushing away a tear. "We'll miss those little men."

HE GETS BOOBY PRIZE

General Garibaldi, commander of the Italian forces in North Africa, has been awarded the Iron Cross by Hitler.

AUNTIE HELPS MOTHER'S DARLING

"Mother's Darling"—girl registering for the national call-up who has never gone out to work or left home—is being specially catered for.

She can take her mother along with her when she goes to sign on, and her war-time career is discussed and decided on with the help of an official adviser. One of these advisers is a kindly smiling-eyed, middle-aged woman at Battersea, London, S.W.

The girls call her Auntie Louise.

"The main trouble with most young girls going out to work for the first time is that they seem afraid to leave home," Auntie told the "Daily Mirror."

"But I always try to explain to them that their characters will never develop if they don't go out while they are still young. I never hesitate to advise them to leave."

"I explain to mothers, too, how it teaches their daughters self-reliance."

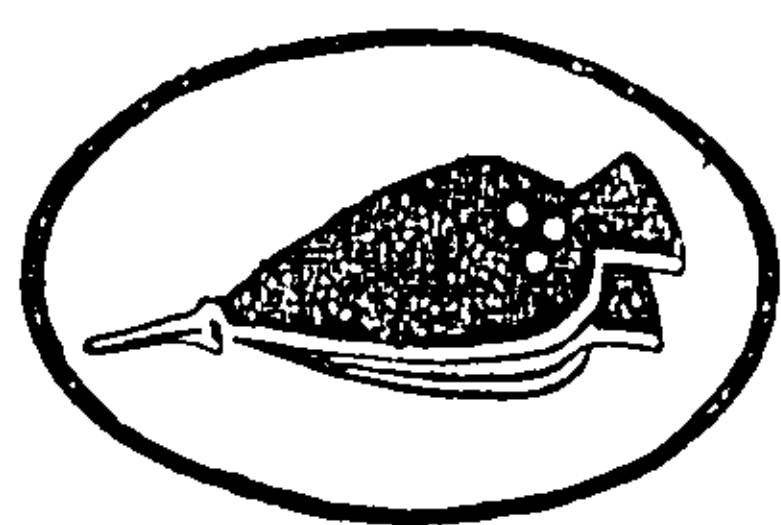
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CHUNG HWA PENNANT HOPES DASHED 14 TO 1

Pawloski Has Opponents Puzzled

Dazzling Double Killing Smothers Belated Rally

(By "Grandstand")

THE RESUSCITATED CHUNG HWA BASEBALL LEAGUE FLAG HOPES SUFFERED A DEATH BLOW WHEN THE MINDANAO MERRY-MAKERS TROUNCED THE MAROONS 14 TO 1 LAST SATURDAY BEHIND LOU PAWLOSKI'S THREE-HIT MOUND PERFORMANCE, CLIMAXED BY A DAZZLING DOUBLE-KILLING IN THE LAST CHAPTER TO SMOTHER A BELATED RALLY, WHILST SUNDAY'S TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR WASHED OUT THE MINDANAO-SOUTH CHINA TILT.

The Potent Polack had the Chung Hwamen eating out of his hands, and whiffed no less than 10 Maroons, who had more strikes called on them than a union, whilst losing chucker Wally Ching sent seven Minnies back to the bench for a drink of water, but issued free transportation to the initial station to six Pawloskimen and was charged with one wild pitch.

Speedy Centre-gardener Earl Wilson, inaugurating the first chapter for the Minnies looked at two straight pitches and swung at a high one for the first strike-out. "Crooner" Ruel singled, and Pawloski laid down a honey of a dump to put ducks in the pond, whilst cleaner-upper Tony Mascavage worked slabster Ching to two-and-three before he drew a pass to load the sacks, but McKenzie fouled out and R. Wilson tapped out a feeble roller to end the scoring threat. In the Maroons' half, Dick Chung, Loney Loong and Bill Chang went out in order for a scoreless frame.

A walk, a triple assisted by a trio of errors saw two Mindanao tallies cross the pan in the second, whilst the Laumen took advantage of "Greasy" Moore's bobble to chalk up their lone counter. In the third the Pawloskimen added another tally on a single, and turned on the heat in the fifth when they ran up five runs on the score-board on a bunting rampage.

The scoring gates were closed in the sixth but the Minnies loaded the bases twice in the seventh to produce a cluster of six markers to stow the game away on ice.

Gronck Has Biggest Hit

Right gardener Gronck connected for the longest hit of the day, when he clubbed Wally Ching's first offering into deep centre and scampered home on a wild heave.

THE SHORT-STOP GAP WAS A YAWNING HOLE IN THE MINDANAO RUN - MAKING MACHINE, AS "GREASY" MOORE, GUARDIAN OF THE WINDY ALLEY, FUMBLER BOTH CHANCES THAT CAME HIS WAY, FOR THE ONLY MISCUES, IN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A FLAWLESS FIELDING DISPLAY.

Sound Umpiring

Despite the not-too-complimentary remarks of a certain leather-tongued umpire balter, regarding "Sarge" Welford's eye-sight, the Sapper mentor stepped into the breach last Saturday and called a fine game, after the umpire appointed had failed to show up. The fighting Sapper was careful in his work and showed real determination and speed in calling the pitches and seeing that they "stay called".

Fans who go out to the ball park every week are very often under the impression that umpires belong to some unnatural species of mankind possessing infallible judgment and heaven help the arbitrator who calls a doubtful pitch with which the grandstand jury does not agree.

When it is realised that a plate umpire has to make about 200 decisions an afternoon, perhaps his unpleasant task will be viewed in another light.

KARL KOZELUH RANKS AMONG TENNIS STARS

Karl Kozeluh, famous internationalist, ranks with the tennis greats, Tilden, Lacoste, Cochet, Budge and Perry.

"Tilden and Lacoste stand out," explains Professional Kozeluh, the one-time American Davis Cup team coach. "The others are close."

"Tilden was always good every day."

"Vines had one good year. A great player will stay up there for four or five years. Look how long Tilden was on top. He is still formidable and he is 48 years old."

"Perry was a better all-round player than Budge, but I believe Budge at his peak could have beaten the Englishman. Budge quit amateur tennis a year before he hit his peak. Budge and Perry played on grass that would be a match to see indoors on canvas, that is not tennis."

"Vines had a good serve and forehand but no backhand. Ellsworth's footwork was not good, either."

Perry Smart

"Perry had perhaps the best footwork. He was a smart player. Vines and Stofen had the best serves. They were tall. Tilden's was great, too."

"I did not see William M. Johnston at his best. He was little and very quick. California style. He was great for two or three sets, but in championship tennis a man must be good for five sets."

"Lott was the best doubles man. He won the championship with three different partners."

"Riggs is the best amateur today, but he may not win any more. He argues with his wife. A man must concentrate to play winning tennis. Fighting with a wife is no good."

Tilden, The Kingpin

"Kovacs is a funny fellow. He makes shots nobody else can make, but he is not good every day."

"McNeil is just a swinger. When (Continued in next Column)."

SING TAO PLAYERS RETURNING

Cable advice received by Mr. Aw Ho, of Sing Tao football team, yesterday morning stated that all the members of the touring team at present in Australia will be returning.

TWO HAT TRICKS

A two-day cricket match took place over the week-end between a British Empire team and Metropolitan Police, British Empire winning by 153 runs.

Remarkable bowling marked the match. T. Oliver, of Police, took 6 for 35, including the hat trick in the Empire's second innings, but Police in their second innings found C. B. Clarke, West Indies Test player, practically unplayable. Clarke took all 10 wickets for 29, including the hat trick. Scores: British Empire - 172 and 148-9 (declared). Police - 95 and 72. -Reuter.

FLOODLIT BOWLS TO-NIGHT

The following will represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club against Lane, Crawford, Ltd., in a friendly floodlit Lawn Bowls match at Ming Yuen to-night, commencing at 8 p.m.

R. W. Smith, A. G. Everest, W. E. Macfarlane and J. F. Lunny (Skip); J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, A. G. Gardner and L. de Roine (Skip); W. Stoker, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and A. F. Paul (Skip). Reserve:—G. W. K. Crawford.

he is hitting he can give anybody a game, but that is not often enough.

"Suzanne Lenglen was the greatest woman player who ever lived. She was like a boy on the court. Alice Marble would have no chance with her. Lenglen, then Helen Wills Moody Roark, then perhaps Marble. Molla Bjurstedt Malory was very good, but not good enough for Lenglen or Moody."

They all agree on Suzanne Lenglen and Big Bill Tilden.

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Ability to maintain a constant position throughout a wide backswing is one golfing fundamental the average player often finds hard to achieve. Not only is there danger of a sway to the right as the club is taken back but there is an additional tendency to raise or straighten the upper part of the body. Both of these conditions have a tendency to impair the accuracy of the swing. At address the stroke moves from a fixed centre like the spoke of a wheel and the movements, detailed here, result in changing this centre. The descending swing in such instances is likely to be inaccurate.

By allowing the body to turn freely underneath the head, which remains anchored in one spot, the stroke is certain to be more accurately grooved. That is precisely what Fatty Berg, the Minneapolis star, is doing here. So complete is the turn that at the top of the stroke, her back is presented to the hole. A



star at 17, Miss Berg was often troubled by an unsound stance and swing plus nervousness. Her courage and determined play however carried her to many championships at that early age despite these handicaps and patient practice has long since eradicated them. Next Article:—Long Driving.

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BONURA FOLLOWS GREENBERG

Zeke Bonura is doing a Hank Greenberg and storing his big bat for a real war-club. He's been called in the draft and refuses to seek deferment. His loss to the minors, is easily what Hank's was to the majors, for Zeke has been setting the American Association afire.

Bonura, stepping down a peg or two after a slugging career in the American and National leagues, played so well with Minneapolis that he said, he got two offers to return to the show and he rejected both because of his happiness here and the imminence of the draft call.

Zeke Feted

Checking out to visit his folks in New Orleans before reporting for army duty, Bonura was feted by the ball club and by individuals.

Big Zeke caught the fancy of Minneapolis fans and the ball club with his playing and his good nature. Mike Kelly, club President, said that never in his 47 years in baseball had he found a better player.

"Zeke is absolutely tops. He always was out there to win ball games and he always had a plug for the other fellow."

36 Double Plays

Zeke helped the Millers lead the league. He hit around .400 most of the short season and his fielding average was .991. He figured in 36 double plays and had 28 assists for 45 games. Among his hits were two homers with the bases filled.

It was not only his own play that helped. Zeke had the Millers all steamed up with his pepper, and Manager Tom Sheehan tells how between games Bonura aided others. Outfielder Fabe Gaffke was having a tough time finding his batting eye. Zeke gave him a few pointers, and now Gaffke's hitting around .370. The same applies to infielder Frankie Trechok, now batting .300 for the first time after Bonura coached him along.

The Third Round Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship game between Rinks skipped by C. S. Rossielet and C. Strange and the Second Division Lawn Bowls League game between Kowloon Football Club and Prison Officers' Club, which were to have been played yesterday, were postponed owing to the threatening typhoon.

CENTURY FOR BILL EDRICH

With the majority of the leading players in action, cricket was the main holiday attraction in England yesterday.

A crowd of 20,000 saw a combined Middlesex and Essex side score 412 for 6 declared against a combined Kent and Surrey side at Lord's yesterday, the outstanding feature being 102 by Squadron leader Bill Edrich, England Test cricketer. The match concludes today.

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 32 runs, Worcester scoring 139 and Warwick 107.

Northamptonshire, scoring 165 for 8 declared, drew with Leicestershire, who scored 11 for 1.

London Counties, comprising the leading southern players, scored 163, O'Connor of Essex hitting up 60, and drew with the Mayor of Southgate's team, who scored 23 for 4.

Derby, 216 for 6 declared, drew with Nottinghamshire, who scored 57 for 1. Reuter.

FAMOUS RACEHORSE RETIRE

Bimelech "The Mighty Bimelech" as he had been termed—was to be retired. This famous American racehorse proved a great money maker and yet may best be remembered for two big failures.

In the Kentucky Derby last year he was one of the hottest favourites in the history of that event, starting at 2 to 1 on; yet he was beaten by two lengths by a 25 to 1 chance, Gallahadien. Then in the £10,000 Widener Cup race at Miami last March he again started an odds on favourite but was beaten into fourth place.

Despite those set-backs Bimelech was a wonderful horse. He was adjudged the best three-year-old last year and is estimated to have won more than £60,000 for his owner, Col. E. R. Bradley.

COLONY TENNIS THEN AND NOW

By "Incog"

IN WEATHER LIKE we are having at the time of writing, when the order of the day appears to be rain, rain and more rain, one may be forgiven for being a little retrospective. It has its merits and demerits, to my mind, the former only when the accusation of being long-winded cannot be hurled without some justification.

I have been glancing through a list of some of the Colony's tennis champions of the past, and names like H. A. Nisbet, Ng Sze-kwong, "Sammy" Green, and the Hancock brothers come to mind quickly.

Compared to the champions of to-day, these players would perhaps be regarded as "slow on the feet," but I dare venture the opinion, without any fear of contradiction, that any of them could have given the present-day champions lessons on courtcraft, and a point or two in the matter of stroke production.

Kent's Back-Hand

I am almost tempted to include the names of the Runjahns in this list of former topflight players, because they first crashed their way into prominence on the local courts in the early 20's, but the fact that they still figure so prominently amongst the leading players now makes me rather hesitant. There is another name that should, to my mind, also be included amongst those mentioned above—that of N. E. Kent, whose rather unique way of executing the backhand, with the racket held almost horizontally always intrigued me.

More latterly, the Lo brothers also made their presence felt in the tennis firmament here, and for many years we were provided with some scintillating tennis by "Kam" and "Wei," who won the doubles title in 1920, and for many years stayed at the top of the ladder.

More Interest

Somehow, it seems to me that more interest was taken in tennis in those days. I remember that League matches also drew large crowds, especially from 1921 to about 1923/24, when the meetings of Chinese R.C. and their friendly rivals, Indian R.C., always provided first-class tennis after the best holiday fashion.

League tennis in those days was confined to just the "A" and "B" Divisions, and because the programme was not so bulky, matches were played on Saturdays. I suppose that was one reason why more people went to the matches. The system of scoring was quite different too, each pair having to meet the three opposing ones in "best-of-11-games" matches, the side

scoring the most games at the end of the day claiming the points.

Standard Higher

But I am drifting from my subject. So, reverting to the question of champions of yesterday and today, I will risk treading on somebody's corns by saying that, although the standard of tennis today is definitely higher than it was say twenty years ago, there is something that we had in the old days that is missing now. I don't quite know what it is, but it is missing all the same. Maybe it was the informality about the whole thing that was so attractive. People went on to the courts then with a casualness that made tennis more entertaining.

And this, let me hasten to add, is no slur on our present-day players. Insofar as sportsmanship is concerned, there has never been any deterioration. Indeed, this very essential part of any player's make-up has improved, if anything, with time, but it seems to me that games are taken all too seriously, and I am sure it will be generally agreed that an over-dose of seriousness in any sport detracts from its drawing powers—just as much as too much frivolity.

SCHOOLS' AQUATIC ENTRIES

Seven entries, five from boys' schools, have been received by the Victoria Recreation Club, for the forthcoming Boys' and Girls' Schools swimming gala.

The schools participating are:—Boys: St. Joseph's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys School, St. Stephen's College and Nam Wah School; Girls: St. Mary's School, French Convent.

Filipino Club are holding an American Tennis Tournament on Sunday, August 17.

Because of the tension in the Far East, the Chinese soccer team now in Australia will leave for Hong Kong after playing the last Test—Reuter.

The last Test was played on Saturday and resulted in a win for Australia.

C.P.A. Aquatic Gala

The Chinese Pressmen's Association will hold their third annual aquatic meeting at Chinese Bathing Club on Sunday, August 17, commencing at 2 p.m.

Following is the programme:—Cross-Harbour Race. Men's 200 Metres Relay (Open to the Colony). Ladies' 200 Metres Relay (Open to the Colony). 50 Metres back-stroke. 200 Metres breast-stroke. 100 Metres Medley Race. One Mile Sampan Race. Throwing the Water-polo ball.

S.C.A.A. GALA TO-NIGHT

South China Athletic Association are holding their second swimming gala of the season to-night at their pavilion, North Point, commencing at 7.30. Following is the programme.

Men's 50 Metres free-style. Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke. Ladies' 100 Metres free-style. Men's 50 Metres breast-stroke. 50 Metres handicap (training class). Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke (handicap). 50 Metres blind-fold race. Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke (handicap). diving and water-polo (South China v Chinese Bathing Club).

AQUATIC TRIALS AT V.R.C.

Swimming trials to aid the selection of the team to represent Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. in the charity gala on Saturday next against Combined Chinese will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at V.R.C.

A meeting of school representatives interested in the inter-school swimming meeting to be held shortly, under the auspices of V.R.C., will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at V.R.C.

The Kowloon Cricket Club concert and dinner, which was to be held on Saturday, has been postponed to Saturday, August 16.

Two matches in the Wu Teh-chen Cup Basketball tourney, which were to have been played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday evening were postponed owing to bad weather. The games were between Sing Tao and Wah Kiu and Police and Recreation Club.



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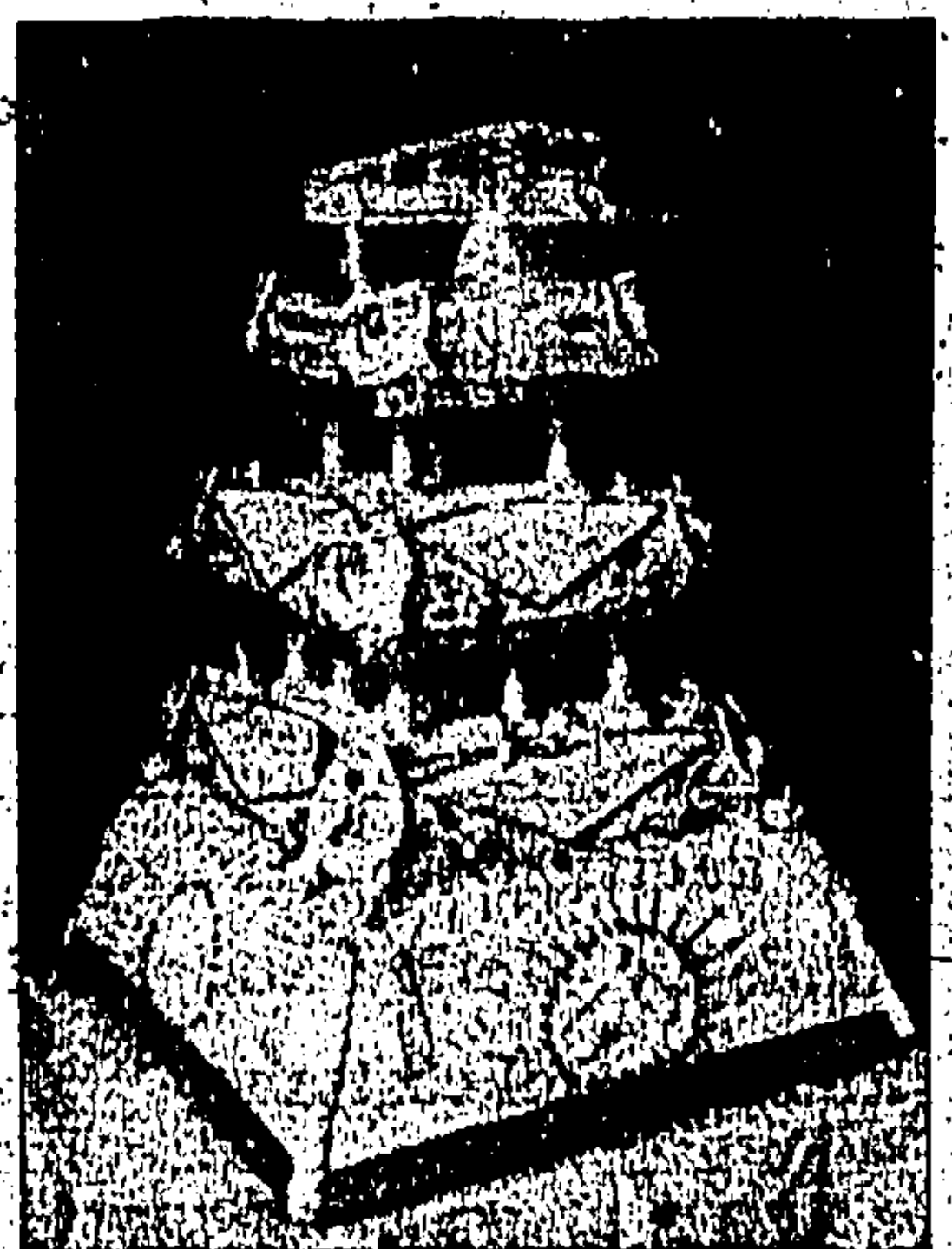
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Britain To Buy Surplus

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. N. Fraser, has cabled to Wellington stating that the United Kingdom has agreed to buy for the duration of the war, and for a year after that, New Zealand's linen-flax crop from 25,000 acres.

Prices for 1941-42 and 1942-43 have already been agreed upon, and the prices after that will also be fixed by mutual agreement.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, described this arrangement as most satisfactory and said that the increased average would necessitate the erection of six more processing factories, sites for which have already been acquired.

Mr. Sullivan added that apart from supplying Britain with fibre, and it was less than a year since she undertook growing flax for Britain, New Zealand had supplied £35,000 worth of pedigree seed for Britain, India, Egypt and Australia, exceeding the original seed received from Britain. — Reuter.

COURTESY CALL

Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, yesterday paid a courtesy visit to General Barron at Algeiras, who was recently appointed to command in the area contiguous to Gibraltar. — Reuter.

Sydney Speech By Minister Of War

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian Minister for War, in a speech in Sydney yesterday, said that Australia was looking at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes.

"Our most earnest endeavour is to preserve peace in the Pacific, but we are not prepared to give up, at the gunpoint, the interests and imperial possessions which is our joint responsibility to guard, nor see them whittled away by stealthy encroachment and infiltration.

"Indo-China, Malaya and Thailand are as close neighbours to Australia as to Japan.

"We look with misgiving on the arrival of Japanese forces in Indo-China.

"Indications are not lacking that Japan intends going even further. The talk by Japan of protection is only a cynical pretext for unblushing aggression.

"Australia, if necessary, will give ringing proof that she means to control her destiny. The ninety thousand Australian troops already abroad will be substantially increased.

"More than 100,000 have enlisted in the A.I.F., which was equivalent, on the population basis, to 3,000,000 Americans, while 250,000 militia men are maintaining home defence." — Reuter.

IN DUCE ON BATTLE OF GIANTS

"The struggle between Fascism and Bolshevism has at last arrived: it is an honour and a privilege for you to take part in this battle of the Giants," declared Benito Mussolini at Mantua in a farewell address to a Blackshirt Legion which is being sent to help Hitler on the Eastern Front.

Mussolini added, according to the official Italian news agency, that "for 20 years the peoples of the earth have been approaching this stern trial. Fascism or Bolshevism?"

"The struggle for which we have prepared for years has entered upon the final stage. The drama is at its fifth act. Henceforth alignment is complete.

"On the one side is Rome-Berlin-Tokyo and on the other London-Washington-Moscow.

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"On the Russian Front, you will be fighting not only by the side of your German comrades, but also with the Finns, Magyars, Rumanians, Slovaks and volunteers from other nations.

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CORDELL HULL BACK AT WORK

"WITH UNITY OF PURPOSE AND A MAXIMUM EFFORT. THE REMAINING FREE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WILL WIN AND THE FORCES OF EVIL WILL BE LIBERATED," SAID THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, ADDRESSING HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AFTER AN ABSENCE FROM DUTY OF NEARLY TWO MONTHS.

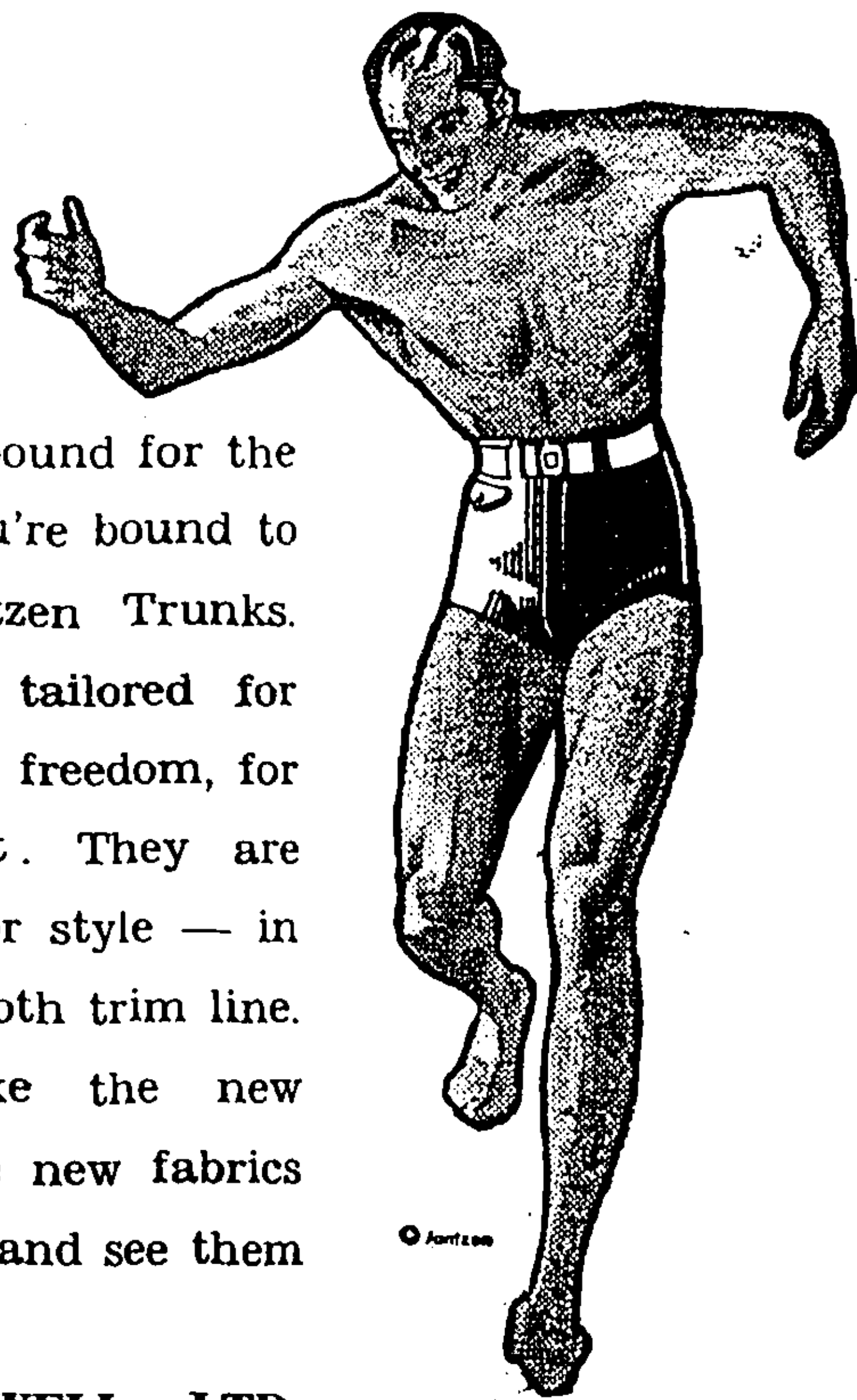
Mr. Hull called for ever-increasing military preparations for defence "whenever and wherever such defence can be most effective."

He added that in full effort and a mountain of production, "successful resistance to the present world movement of invasion and destruction can be made and, in my judgment, will be made." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Russians claim that German crack regiments were destroyed in Soviet counter-attacks in the Kiev sector which have stemmed the colossal Nazi double-pronged drive threatening Kiev with encirclement. — International News Service.



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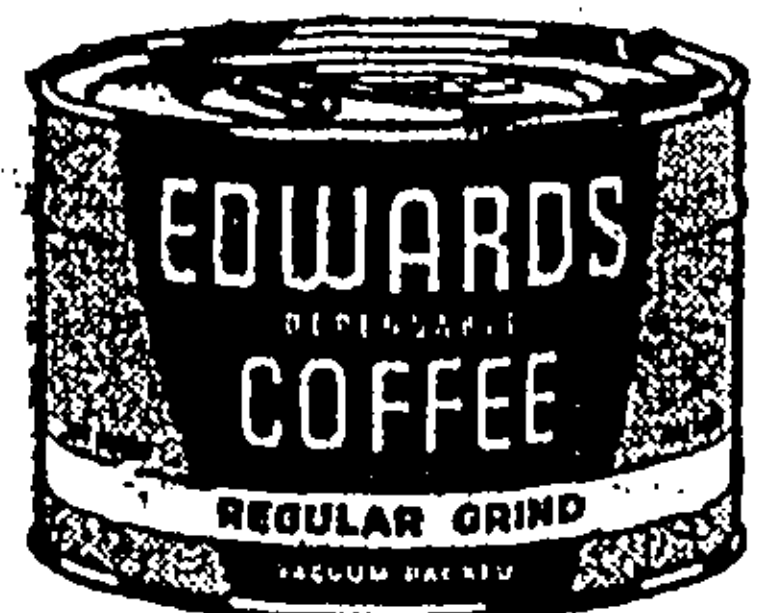
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N.E.I. Licence Approval

The Netherlands East Indies authorities have agreed to extend export licences to Japan such as oil, rubber, and tin, payment arrangements for which had been settled prior to the N.E.I.'s action in freezing Japanese assets, says a Japanese report.

Japanese residents in the Netherlands East Indies who are affected by the freezing order, are reported as being allowed to withdraw part of their accounts to cover payments of salaries, telegram fees and rentals, upon presentation of detailed claims to their banks.—Reuter.

Contingent On Russian War

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE STILL OPTIMISTIC REGARDING THE PROBABILITIES IN THE FAR EAST, CONTINGENT UPON EVENTS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

The view is expressed that the world may witness Japan initiating moves for rapprochement with the United States if, in September, no decisive Nazi advantage in the Russian war is apparent.

Two convictions inspire this belief. One, that Japan is not prepared to risk war with the two greatest Democracies by attempting to ensure an oil supply by a thrust at the Netherlands East Indies.

Secondly, that the United States, by a long-range blockade, can strangle a Japanese war effort.

It is believed that Japan will make approaches for moderation of the embargo upon the first definite signs that the Russo-German conflict is developing into a static war of attrition.—International News Service.

Worse Than Bargain Day

THE HOARDING OF SILK STOCKINGS BY AMERICAN WOMEN INCREASES AND FIFTH AVENUE SHOPKEEPERS SUMMED UP AS "MADHOUSE" YESTERDAY'S STAMPEDE OF WOMEN ANXIOUS TO GET AS MANY PAIRS AS POSSIBLE WHILE THEY ARE STILL OBTAINABLE.

The shop scenes were extraordinary. Women were kept waiting for their turn behind red plush ropes supervised by uniformed guards, while extra counter-clerks struggled to cope with the sales which amounted to five times the normal sales capacity.—Reuter.

FALSE LULL IN FAR EAST

The absence from Tokyo yesterday of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and of Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister, together with the return of Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, in a cheerful mood, possibly indicates that nothing serious is coming in the Far East immediately.

At the same time, says Reuter's Tokyo correspondent, it is obvious that Japan is stalling for time to complete their domestic preparations.

The quietude of the last few days has been given an ominous tone by the continued Press hostility to the Democracies and the almost frenzied invocation of the national general mobilisation law in hitherto untouched fields.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" today notes the assertion of Colonel Knox that Japan has oil stocks to last eighteen months of warfare and reports: "So What?"

The paper adds the allegation that Chungking has access to the vast but unpublicised petrol resources of Burma.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FROM FREEZING

The Tokyo Finance Ministry states that whereas the Japanese Government has been informed that Japanese diplomatic and consular services in Britain and Australia have been exempted from the assets freezing regulations, the same consideration will be extended by Japan to British and Australians, effective from to-day.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING EXPECTS SHOWDOWN

With Germany bogged in Russia, it is believed in many quarters in Chungking that Britain and the United States may turn their full attention to the Far East.

These quarters point to the many indications that a showdown is being forced with Japan, such as the freezing of Japanese assets, the abrogation of commercial agreements, further American oil restrictions, the arrival of large British forces in Malaya and Burma, and the strengthening of the American defences in the Philippines.

IF THIS SHOWDOWN SHOULD COME IN THE PACIFIC, COMPETENT CHINESE OBSERVERS PREDICT THAT THE OUTCOME IS LIKELY TO BE DETERMINED WITHIN A YEAR.

Meanwhile, the Chinese military position has been greatly strengthened with the continual arrival of American and Soviet supplies.

While official quarters decline to make any comment, it is learned from well-informed sources that not only American aircraft and volunteer pilots, but also Soviet artillery, aircraft and volunteer pilots are arriving in China in large numbers.—Reuter.

WATCH ON THAILAND

REPORTS TO THE EFFECT THAT GREAT BRITAIN IS SEEKING TO OBTAIN NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THAILAND AND THAT THE BRITISH HAVE SENT 100,000 TROOPS TO THE BURMA-THAILAND BORDER, HAVE BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY DENIED IN LONDON, WHERE IT IS RECALLED THAT REPORTS OF A SIMILAR AND EQUALLY UNFOUNDED NATURE WERE SET IN CIRCULATION CONCERNING BRITISH INTENTIONS IN RELATION TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

The position of Thailand is accordingly being watched in London carefully, and with some concern.

Mr. Eden, on July 23, reaffirmed that British policy towards Thailand was governed by our treaty of non-aggression with that country and that the treaty was not designed to obtain exclusive advantages or directed against any third party.

Various expressions of the Thai Government's determination to preserve their independence and integrity, accordingly have been noted with satisfaction in London.—British Wireless.

FIGHTING AGAIN BREAKS OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A report from Lima brings the allegation that Ecuadorian troops have broken the recently signed armistice, and that firing has broken out all along the border.—International News Service.



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Hong Kong's Attitude Of "It Can't Happen Here"

Head In Sand, Says U.S. Journalist

A SUGGESTION that a large section of Hong Kong's civilian element was guilty of ostrich-ism, and adopting an attitude of "It Can't Happen Here" with regard to the crisis in the Far East, was made by Mr. Harrison Forman, ace correspondent and cameraman, in a broadcast from Hong Kong to the United States yesterday.

Mr. Forman revealed at the same time, however, that the authorities were taking a much more realistic view of the situation. Following is the text of the broadcast:—

"Hello N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hong Kong, China, on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly eight-seventeen in the morning here—Monday morning.

"In some respects civilian Hong Kong reminds me of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, repeating to itself: 'It can't happen here!' The new tension in the Pacific which has arisen this past week or so doesn't seem to worry the folk very much. 'Just another one of those crises,' they say. 'I'll blow over—as the others have done before.' There are no visible signs of panic, no rush for steamer passage, on the part of either Europeans, or Japanese here. Though I did see a few Japanese the other day buying suitcases and trunks.

Husbands' Complaints

"As a matter of fact, husbands are still agitating to get the Government to allow them to bring their wives and kids back to Hong Kong—crisis or no crisis. You may remember, perhaps, that during a similar crisis a little over a year ago, the Government evacuated about ninety per cent. of the European women and children from Hong Kong, most of whom were sent all the way to Australia.

"The Powers-that-Be in Hong Kong, however, are no ostriches. There is clear evidence on every hand that they mean business—that they mean to defend this place from attack. And it'll not be merely a token defence either. For Hong Kong fairly bristles with big guns, anti-aircraft, powerful searchlights, barbed wire and camouflage. And plenty of troops, too. The harbour is well mined, and a constant air and sea patrol is maintained for many miles out to sea.

Air Precautions

"Though there is no naval or air force here, to speak of, the Japanese can never be too sure but what a British air force, or even a fleet, would not suddenly make their appearance. Unquestionably, an attack on Britain out here would result in an immediate British military alliance with China—with co-operative action.

"Meanwhile, for immediate protection of Hong Kong's million and a half civilians from an air blitz, the hills upon which the city is built, have been literally honeycombed with an elaborate system of tunnels drilled deep into the solid rock, with entrances opening right off the streets. Drilled under the direction of a firm of American mining engineers, these tunnel-shelters vary in capacity from a thousand to one accommodating over thirty thousand people.

"I now return you to NBC, San Francisco."

PILGRIMAGE TO WAILING WALL

A record pilgrimage estimated at well over 25,000 persons visited the historic Wailing Wall in Jerusalem during Saturday and Sunday in observance of the anniversary of the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70.—Reuter.

INDIA'S PRINCES MEET

THE JAM SAHIB OF HYDERABAD, CHANCELLOR OF THE CHAMBER OF PRINCES, SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF SIR AKBAR HYDARI, WHO IS RELINQUISHING THE PREMIERSHIP OF HYDERABAD STATE IN ORDER TO TAKE UP A VICEROY'S EXECUTIVE COUNCILORSHIP, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE EXPANDED COUNCIL, THE VICEROY AND NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL AND THE EFFORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PROVINCES AND STATES, WILL STRENGTHEN INDIA'S DEFENCES AND WAR EFFORTS AGAINST THE GODLESS NAZI AGGRESSION, FOSTER A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION AND GOODWILL ON WHICH ALONE THE FOUNDATION OF ORDERED PROGRESS IN INDIA COULD ENDURE.

He paid a tribute to Sir Akbar Hydari's services towards the Indian States and his efforts towards the organisation of the Chamber of Princes which was to-day the most representative tribune of the United States of India.

The Jam Sahib endorsed Sir Akbar Hydari's view that all possible precautions should be taken to make survival of Indian India reasonably certain in the proposed scheme of greater India.

He reiterated that the Indian States should play an honourable and glorious part as a separate entity in cultural evolution in India.

Princely Order

Sir Akbar Hydari, replying, expressed the hope that when the time comes for constitutional discussions of the future, the princely order will be found equal to the task of contributing to the evolution of India along the path of progress.

Many of the Indian Princes' State ministers attended the luncheon which was laid out in a "V" shape.—Reuter.

LANDSLIDE CLOSES ROAD

THE JUNCTION OF WYNDHAM STREET AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO WEST AND EAST BOUND TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Alternative routes to Central Police Station and Hollywood Road are by way of Arbuthnot Road and Wellington Street.

This has been necessitated by a landslide which occurred at the junction of Wyndham Street and Lower Albert Road yesterday.

SOLDIER SHOT HIS SWEETHEART

Edward George Beesley, 29, driver in the Royal Army Service Corps, whose home is at Charles Street, Oxford, was at Oxford Assizes found not guilty of the murder of his sweetheart, Irene Sherry, a 20-year-old domestic servant. The girl was found shot at her lodgings in Oxford.

Beesley was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude.

Mrs. Payne, the girl's landlady, described how Beesley came to her home with a rifle, and, being told that the girl was not at home, returned later and was allowed to wait in her room. Later Mrs. Payne heard Sherry go upstairs.

Then came a noise like something falling out of the window, the front door was slammed and witness, going to Sherry's room found her dead in a chair.

Constable Swann said in a witness box that he had six letters, and he said to witness, "I took them from the dressing-table. I want them kept carefully."

Mr. H. H. Maddocks, for the

MALAYA TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOUR QUASHED

It was stated in London last night that there is no truth in the rumour that Britain has sent 100,000 troops to the borders of Thailand.

The dispositions of the British troops in Malaya are purely defensive and no move of the magnitude indicated has taken place.—Reuter.

STRETCHER BEARERS ARE DISMISSED

Seven full-time A.R.P. stretcher-bearers, all of whom are Trade Unionists, have been dismissed by Holborn Borough Council.

One of them was a former chairman of the A.R.P. branch of the National Union of Public Employees.

This follows the dismissal the previous week of 27 stretcher-bearers.

Of these, 13 responded to an invitation to apply for reinstatement and 10 were reinstated.

Crown, said that Beesley shot the girl through the heart because of letters she had written to another soldier.

Beesley said that after reading the letters he did not remember any more.

SCORES OF BOMBS DROPPED ON GUNS AT TOBRUK

SCORES OF BOMBS were seen to fall on the enemy gun positions in the Tobruk area, when squadrons of the South African Air Force delivered a heavy attack on Sunday.

The attack was made simultaneously with the increased activity of British ground forces at Tobruk and along the frontier zone.

The South African airmen were flying Maryland bombers, states the communique from R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, and the effect was devastating.

Meantime, R.A.F. and South African fighter pilots carried out offensive patrols over enemy-occupied areas.

During Saturday night, a large formation of R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked the harbour at Benghazi. In addition to causing a large number of fires, a direct hit was scored on an enemy anti-aircraft gun battery. Some of these aircraft also machine-gunned anti-aircraft guns and searchlights at Berka aerodrome from a low altitude.

During the same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the aerodrome at Gambut and on the previous day, R.A.F. bombers attacked Misurata, where they demolished a blockhouse with a direct hit and also severely damaged barrack buildings.

Fighters Destroyed

The R.A.F. carried out a successful attack on a number of Italian fighters on the ground at Reggio in Italy on Sunday. Frag-

Offensive Patrols

A communique issued at British G.H.Q. Cairo, states: "Our offensive patrols from Tobruk have continued their aggressive activity. Although valuable work has been done in locating and destroying hostile minefields, the enemy has apparently refused contact by withdrawing from forward positions under the cover of darkness.

In the frontier area, patrols from our mechanised units have again harassed the enemy, particularly by artillery fire."—British Wireless.

GERMAN STEAMER INTERCEPTED

An Admiralty communique states: "The German s.s. Frankfurt (5,525 tons) has been intercepted by our patrols while attempting to run the blockade."—British Wireless.

GALLUP POLL ON FAR EAST

According to a Gallup poll published yesterday, on a survey asking the question, "Should the United States take steps now to keep Japan from becoming more powerful even if this means risking war with Japan?" the result was 51 per cent. in favour, 31 per cent. opposed and 18 per cent. undecided.

Dr. Gallup said that if only those with definite opinions were considered, the survey meant that 60 per cent. would be willing to risk war with Japan in an effort to defend the United States' interests in the Pacific while 38 per cent. would not go so far. Several months ago only 40 per cent. were willing to risk war, indicating a sharp increase.

The poll also showed that 60 per cent. of voters think that Japan's occupation of Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies would be a definite threat to American security, 20 per cent. think not and 20 per cent. are undecided.—Central News.

MOTHER— HEROINE

For seven hours an elderly woman sat in an A.R.P. post transmitting telephone messages steeling herself to forget that one of them told of the destruction of her house and of her daughter lying trapped under the ruins.

Not until the "Raiders Passed" came and her shift ended did she leave her post to discover the fate of her daughter.

"Throughout that night she carried on like stone, patiently and accurately transmitting the messages that came through to her," was the tribute paid by Lady Violet Bonham Carter, who works at the same wardens' post, when she revealed the valiant story of Mrs. Rousseau Emanuel.

"There is no medal struck worth of deeds like this," said Lady Violet.

At her new home in Paddington, London, W., beside the wreckage of the old, Mrs. Emanuel said: "What I did was so little when set beside the deeds of other A.R.P. workers in that last great raid. I should have considered it disgraceful if I had done anything else.

"As wardens came in they told me of the progress being made to free Marjorie.

Miss Emanuel, who is one of the wardens attached to the same post, is recovering rapidly.

HE STUCK TO POST IN BLITZ

Harry Lorkin, a messenger boy in the A.F.S., who celebrated his 18th birthday, was presented with a parchment scroll at a tea-party by the officers and men of the East Ham A.F.S. in recognition of his courage and unwavering devotion to duty.

Harry is a junior clerk in a London office, but during evenings he serves at a A.F.S. sub-station at Manor Park. He has assisted in rescues from bombed houses.

During an exceptionally heavy raid he took over a man's job. He received telephone calls and dispatched motor pumps to fires. One call was from his sister. He remained at his post throughout the night and long into the next day.

Owing to the damage to his own house he moved from the district, but immediately joined the Walthamstow A.F.S.

PAUSE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Soviet Review Of Developments

GERMANS MAKE VIRTUE OUT OF NECESSITY

ASSERTING THAT GERMANY THREW IN FORCES TWO TO THREE TIMES STRONGER NUMERICALLY THAN THE RED ARMY UNITS STATIONED ALONG THE FRONTIER, THE MOSCOW NEWSPAPER "PRAVDA" COMPUTES THAT THE GERMANS USED THIRTY DIVISIONS, ROUGHLY 500,000 MEN, TEN THOUSAND FIRST-LINE AIRCRAFT, AND 15,000 TANKS.

Thanks to the stubbornness of Soviet resistance, says the paper, the first Nazi tales of stunning German victories have been replaced by the argument that the seizure of territory takes second place to annihilation.

"Pravda" says that the first German miscalculation was their failure to destroy the Red Air Force and the panzer blows failed to achieve their objective.

The tremendous losses suffered by the Germans since the two armies became fully engaged in mass, are sapping German morale, and instead of an eastern parade, they are meeting death and destruction.

It is too early, says the paper, to speak of final results and of the fierce struggles ahead, but Russian resistance and counter-blows are daily becoming stronger.

German Claims

Reports reaching Stockholm from German sources on the Russian war continue to announce the destruction of Russian pockets of resistance on the two main fronts of Smolensk and Kiev, while it is claimed that the advance to the east is being remorselessly continued at various speeds.

The impression aimed at by German propagandists is that the Germans are staying where they arrive, or are advancing but are never forced back.

It is now claimed that the necessity of dealing with the Russian pockets, while slowing up the advance, has also given time for slower moving units to catch up.

Exhausted Troops

The military correspondent of the "Demokraten" considers that the Germans have now completed arrangements in the rear sectors for the relief of exhausted troops and the reorganisation of harried units, and for the overhaul of mechanical material and the bringing up of fresh units ready to renew the offensive, but admits that, "despite attacks on their communications," the Russians have also benefited by the pause.

The same newspaper's Berlin correspondent reports a German claim that the fresh Russian troops are of an inferior quality to those at first engaged.

The military expert expects that fresh large-scale German attacks will shortly be chiefly launched against Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Finnish Front

On the Finnish front, say Stockholm observers, the Finns are still attempting to press through the isthmus connecting Lake Ladoga and Onega which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

Any Finnish advance here could bring pressure on Leningrad from the east, but the intention of the Russians to hold Sordavala is shown by the fact that they have not carried out the destruction of the town.

Activity at Hangoe is still confined to artillery fire. Reports of the constant arrival of Russians in Hangoe from Estonia suggest that the Finnish hope to starve out the Russian garrison of Hangoe is a vain one.—Reuter.

Kiev Thrust Smashed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Russians claim that German crack regiments were destroyed in Soviet counter-attacks in the Kiev sector which have stemmed the colossal Nazi double-pronged drive threatening Kiev with encirclement.—International News Service.

Tanks Routed

In the addition to the statement already given of the general position in the Russian fighting with the Germans, the latest Russian communique says: "Large enemy tank formations attempted five times to attack our fortifications in the vicinity of the city of 'K' in the south-western sector. "After the enemy had run short of fuel and several tanks had been destroyed, our forces went into counter-attacks and a fierce battle ensued in which 300 tanks and armoured cars took part on both sides. After one of the tank units had been put out of action, our tank formations penetrated into the enemy lines. In all the enemy lost 100 tanks and armoured cars, 45 guns, 30 motor vehicles and at least a thousand Fascist soldiers and officers were killed."—British Wireless.

QUEEN PUTS ON BOOTEES

When the King and Queen were visiting a factory in Scotland the Queen was presented with a pair of fur-lined bootees. She put them on at once.

During the visit the King decorated three Norwegian sailors with the D.S.M. in Rosyth Dockyard. Eight seamen, petty officers and a marine of the British navy were also decorated.

The King, with Vice-Adm. Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief at Rosyth, went aboard two warships and a new corvette.

The Queen "launched" a catapult for one of the warships, and, naming it, she said, "I christen this catapult and may it successfully launch its planes and pilots, providing wideranging eyes for their mother ship."

Earlier, at Edinburgh, the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland.

RUSSIANS HOLD AT KEY TOWN

Heavy fighting is continuing round Sortavala, on the northern tip of Lake Ladoga, which the Russians continue to hold against all attacks, according to Helsinki reports received in Vichy last night.

Soviet tanks are counter-attacking. The garrison of this strong point on the flank of the Finnish drives on both sides of Lake Ladoga, is said to have been strongly reinforced.

Sortavala is the centre of a great network of fortifications built by the Russians in the territory ceded by Finland last year.

The broken nature of the terrain favours the defence which is well-equipped with artillery.—Reuter.

N.C.O. RANKINGS FOR A.R.P.

Ranks similar to those of corporal and sergeant in the Army are to be created in the Civil Defence services.

These "N.C.O.s" of the A.F.S. and A.R.P. will be given higher pay.

The Home Secretary announced the scheme in the Commons. Details of ranks and pay are being worked out immediately.

Post wardens in charge of organisation and section leaders of rescue and demolition squads will be among the men chosen for the intermediate ranks.

They will also receive one free return railway voucher in a year, so that their annual holiday may be spent in more peaceful surroundings. At present A.R.P. workers in responsible positions receive no more pay than the minimum of £3 10s.

The Home Secretary said improved service conditions include graded pay from the beginning of June, sickness pay, and allowances for fire-watchers' meals.

New Uniforms

Serge uniforms, stated later to be of battle-dress type, overcoats, berets and boots, would be made available for whole-time civil defence workers and part-time members who undertook to perform not less than forty-eight hours' duty a month.

Appropriate new uniforms would be designed for women not already provided with a suitable type. The sick leave concession to paid workers had been reconsidered. They would in future receive full pay during absence through sickness up to thirteen weeks.

ALL PRACTICAL AID PROMISED

A message from Washington states that the United States has promised all practical economic help to Russia.—Reuter.

FINLAND DECLARED AN ENEMY

Finland has been declared an enemy country by the New Zealand Government for the purpose of the enemy property and trading with the enemy regulations.

This brings New Zealand into line with other Empire countries who have already taken such action.

Sir Frederick Stewart, Australia's Minister of Internal Affairs, has announced that arrangements have been made for the departure of the Finnish Consul-General in Sydney.

Finnish interests in Australia will be protected by the Consul-General for Sweden.—Reuter.

ONIONS PULL IN £34,000

A small basket of onions raised £34,383 for London's War Weapons Week at the Stock Exchange.

The onions were auctioned under the condition that each bidder would honour his bid by buying an equivalent amount of defence securities. The bids totalled up to £34,383. It was announced in Parliament that at the closing of banking hours £87,750,000 had been raised in London.

The spirit behind the campaign was exemplified by a woman of 74 who gave to the nation a bundle of one hundred £1 notes it had taken her sixty years to save.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, acting general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, announced that the general executive council of the union had decided, in connection with London War Weapons Week, to take up £50,000 of savings bonds.

The Pearl Assurance Company, Ltd., has now subscribed £10,704, 300 for London and provincial War Weapons Weeks and in 2½ per cent. War Bonds. In addition, 3 per cent. Savings Bonds are to be taken up.

BRITAIN'S FORMIDABLE NEW FIGHTER

FOUR CANNON GUNS AND SIX MACHINE-GUNS COMPRISE THE ARMAMENT OF ONE OF BRITAIN'S LATEST LONG RANGE DAY AND NIGHT FIGHTERS—BRISTOL BEAU-FIGHTERS—DETAILS OF WHICH ARE RELEASED. THIS IS THE MOST FORMIDABLE FIRE POWER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN FITTED TO ANY WAR PLANE.

German blitz bombers hit by these cannons fitted in the fuselage and the machine-guns in the wings have exploded and disintegrated.

3 KIDDIES DIE DAILY ON ROADS

Children are being killed on the roads at the rate of more than three a day.

Since the spring of 1940, these fatal accidents have increased by more than 50 per cent.

The steady reduction achieved in pre-war years has disappeared, says a report of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Sudden dashes into the roads caused most of the accidents.

From September, 1939, to February, 1940, a total of 359 child pedestrians were killed. From September, 1940, to February, 1941, the number rose to 558.

Casualties were particularly heavy in industrial Lancashire and in the London and Birmingham

With a nominal top speed of 350 Beau-fighter carrying a pilot and an observer has a range of 1,500 miles—again a nominal figure.

This is achieved by two Bristol Hercules 111 engines, air-cooled sleeve valve radial type, power units with 14 cylinders in two rows and fitted with two-speed superchargers for boosting engine power at high altitude, and constant speed airscrews. The fuel is carried in four self-sealing tanks with the total capacity of 55 gallons each.

The appointment of the Beau-fighter is exceptionally complete. It includes oxygen apparatus and carbine heating system for the relief of the crew in cold atmospheres.

At the same time provision is made for carrying four gallon water tanks for desert use.

The maximum speed and range of this "exceptionally powerful armed" long range fighter is not given. So far its uses as a day fighter have not been made known.—Reuter.

One in seven of the children killed had been evacuated, most of them from the London area.

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GERMAN INTRIGUE IN SOUTH AMERICA EXPOSED

THE CONTINENT of South America has figured largely in the news during the past fortnight, when from the United States border to Tierra del Fuego, have come reports of abortive Nazi intrigues to dictate policy to the high-spirited Latin-American nations.

It began with the circumstantial details of a Nazi putsch which was to have been carried out in Bolivia. This was revealed in a letter by Major Elias Belteont, Bolivian Military Attache in Berlin, and a would-be Quisling, to Ernst Wendler, German Minister in Lapaz, who wrote "my friends in the Wilhelmstrasse tell me that information received from you shows that the moment is approaching for the liberation of my poor country from its weak Government, and its entirely capitalistic tendencies."

This and other documents were published by the Bolivian President to justify the expulsion of the German Minister and the arrest of several notorious sympathisers.

The German Government retorted by ordering the Bolivian Charge d'Affaires, Senor Alfred Flores, to leave the Reich within 72 hours.

Although complete evidence was discovered of German's conspiracy to overthrow the existing Bolivian Government and the Constitution, Bolivia has so far refrained from breaking off diplomatic relations.

The publication of the United States "black-list" of South American firms gave Germany another opportunity to take to fermenting anti-United States feeling in Latin America. The German note to Mexico actually insisted that the Mexican Government should protest against the black-list. Mexico made a spirited reply, telling the Reich government in almost so many words to mind their own business.

Mexican Reply

The Mexican reply tartly said: "Mexico is capable of taking care of her own sovereignty and freedom of trade without any prompting from foreign powers."

The German Note intimated that the Mexican attitude on the question of the black-list would determine the German attitude towards Mexican trade after the war. The Mexican Note described this threat as "pressure in open contradiction with the spirit of mutual respect governing the foreign relations of the Mexican Republic."

The opportunity was taken to proclaim, without any ambiguity, the Mexican Government's adherence to the "principle of inter-American cooperation." This affair was followed by a public demand in Mexico for the expulsion of the German Minister and other Nazi agents.

Intolerable Insult

The Mexican Trade Union Congress passed a resolution declaring the German step as "an intolerable insult to the country." Feeling against Nazi interference with Latin-American sovereignty is running equally high in Chile and the Argentine.

IN ARGENTINA, POLICE RAIDS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE GERMAN EMBASSY AND VARIOUS GERMAN CONTROLLED INSTITUTIONS, AND A STRONG CONGRESS COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING NAZI ACTIVITIES.

Argentine authorities found a secret code message proving that Nazi agents fomented the recent Peru-Ecuador frontier battles.

Code Message

The code message was found inside a short-wave radio set seized by the investigating committee's chairman, Raul Dromonte Taborda, on its smuggled return from Peru where it was refused entry.

The message ordered all Nazi agents in Peru and Bolivia to follow all instructions issued by the four Nazi envoys in South America at their last meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Deep satisfaction has been caused throughout South America by Argentina's firm reply to the German Minister's protest against the seizure of the shortwave wireless set and other baggage, and all the leading Argentine papers congratulate the Mexican Government on its answer to the German Note concerning the United States black list.

In Chile, public opinion is increasingly alive to the dangers of Nazi infiltration, and the police have recently made many searches. —Reuter.

CRUEL IN BLITZ

During an intense air-raid lasting many hours a young widow left six little children alone in a house while she visited a relative seven minutes' walk away.

She did not go to her children until eighteen hours had elapsed. This was stated at Liverpool when Mrs. Mary Flanagan, 31, was sentenced to two months' hard labour for neglecting her children, whose ages range from two to twelve.

Mr. T. H. Daze, education officer, said that a neighbour, Mrs. Edgar Dauby, heard the children screaming in terror while bombs were dropping and rescued them.

She gave them food and drink and took them into her house until 3 a.m. when, owing to unexploded bombs, the whole street was compelled to evacuate. She then took the children to a rest centre.

Mr. W. T. Doherty, presiding magistrate, said: "There are no extenuating circumstances. I am convinced the mother wanted to get rid of these little ones, but thank God they will be cared for."

PALS BY BOMBING

SUSAN AND RUDOLPH WERE ENEMIES UNTIL A BOMB SHOOK THEM UP. SHE HAD ONCE TRIED TO KILL HIM.

That attempt on his life made him treat her with cold contempt. Then their home in North Middlesex was wrecked by a direct hit. Susan was blasted across a bedroom. Rudolph was missing for two days.

So the strangest cat and dog friendship began. When the siren goes Susan, a bull terrier, and Rudolph, the cat, curl up in Susan's basket until the raiders passed. Is sounded.

REFUSED TO SEE HITLER

Clare Boothe, the American author of that witty and sardonic play, "The Women," came to Europe a year ago to "see about the war" for herself—heading for "a world where men have decided to die together because they are unable to find any way to live together."

In "European Spring", (Hamish Hamilton, 10s 6d), she gives a brilliant account of her talks with statesmen, soldiers and the ordinary people she met.

Miss Boothe proved herself a highly intelligent and severely critical observer, though, as she admits, she was occasionally wise after the event.

Intervention Plea

If sometimes her judgments about individuals are wrong, her heart is always in the right place, passionately on the side of democracy. Her last chapter—a series of questions to the American people—is a reasoned plea for intervention. "The situation as it stands in America is just about as it stood last spring in Europe."

Some of the best things in the book are in the footnotes:

The only other "great man" I ever refused to meet was in Germany in 1937—Adolf Hitler. But for quite different reasons. I suppose the simplest way to put it is that I was deathly afraid, being a woman, I might just once smile on him. And all the human curiosity in the world would not, I felt, justify to myself that small but fatal hypocrisy.

Hague Placidity

Miss Boothe arrived at The Hague three days before the "rape of Holland." High officials were "placidity" discussing the prospects of invasion, and in an account of a talk with M. Snouck Hurgronje, Permanent Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, she states that the Dutch Government knew five days before that the Germans were going to invade Norway.

She said: "You knew five days before? Did you tell the French and English about it?" "Certainly not," he said indignantly. "Why should we? They're not our allies."

Miss Boothe discovered that "inner Cabinet circles in France they did not talk about war, but about politics, and they did not really care about democracy, but about their own nation."

Ciano's Slang

As entertaining as anything in "European Spring" is Miss Boothe's witty account of a talk in Rome with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. Proud of his knowledge of American slang, he invited her to "shoot the works," adding that she could say anything she liked to him.

She put some pertinent questions, but after two hours she "learned nothing, nothing at all."

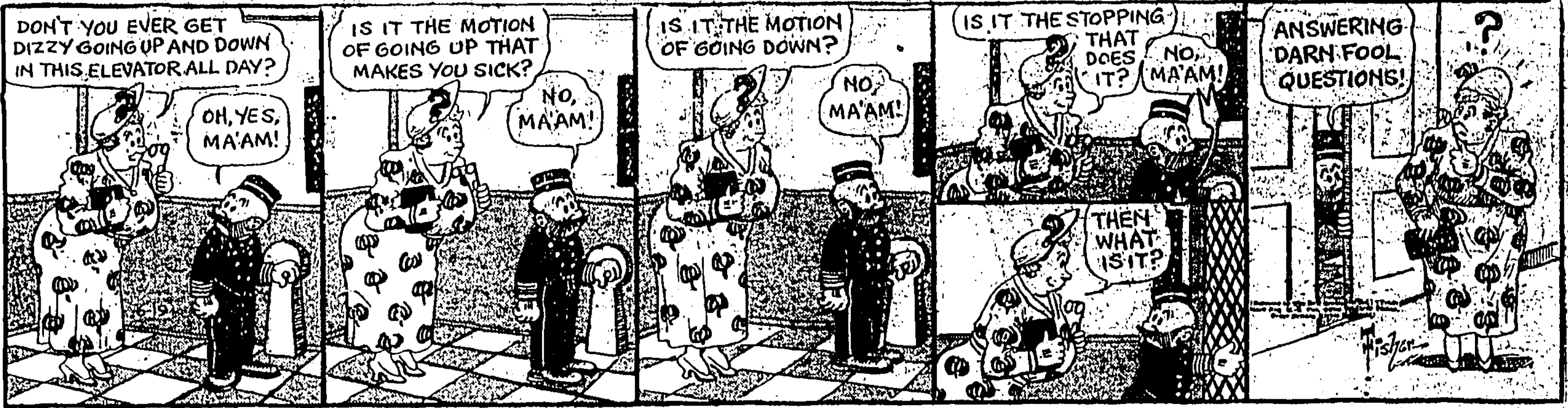
At Lisbon, waiting for the Clipper to take her home, she met Noel Coward. She told him that France was going to surrender. Noel Coward said: "England will never, never surrender."

They talked at Hollywood where the film magnates were waiting "until the war in Europe blew over."

"Blows over what?" I asked—"the Atlantic!" That witty remark really sums up Clare Boothe's book.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



NANTAO ISOLATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Six gambling dens in Nantao have been closed down on orders from Nan-king's new Pacification Headquarters.

Nantao's gates are still closed, pending completion of investigations by the Japanese authorities into the killing of a Japanese gendarme by an unknown Chinese terrorist.

It is believed that a census is now being taken in the old city in an effort to stamp out terrorism in the district. Chinese living in Nantao are unable to enter the International Settlement except by sampans along the Whangpoo River. — International News Service.

ARMED ROBBER SHOT BY POLICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An armed robber was shot in the leg yesterday by the police after stealing \$4,000 in gold watches from a shop in Bubbling Well Road.

The shop assistants raised an alarm after he had run out and constables pursuing the fleeing bandit, brought him down with a shot. — International News Service.

AS THE TRUTH PENETRATES INTO GERMANY

BROADCASTING last night on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the invasion of Belgium by Germany, the Belgian Finance Minister said:

"The Germans are a strange people. They are apt to believe a lot of rubbish and they do not believe what actually happens. In 1914, they never believed Great Britain would go to war. They believed still less that the United States would do the same.

That's what actually happened and that's why they lost the war.

This time, they have believed in "Mein Kampf," in Hitler's speeches about a short war, about a one-front war. They did not believe that in the air Battle of Britain they would be routed and it actually happened. They did not believe that the United States would use their unlimited material resources to help Great Britain defeat them and it actually happened.

They did not believe that Russia would put up a fight and God how she fights.

They did not believe that Berlin could be bombed better — if I may say so — than London, and that's what they are beginning to see."

Ironical Mimics

Referring to the indomitable spirit of the Belgian people, M. Gutt said: "It breathes everywhere from the King, who, as a prisoner, declines to govern under the Germans, unknown heroes sabotaging in Belgium at the risk of their lives, to the Burgo-master of Brussels who proudly refused to resign, to imps in the street who in the face of German officers sing victory songs or ironically mimic the failure of the Channel crossing.

"Their bodies are captive but their soul remains unconquerable. I have been speaking for my British friends but I feel absolutely sure of being heard by our friends in Belgium. You know that despite threats, heavy fines and imprisonment, they are among the B.B.C.'s best customers. To them I say Hold on.

"This year has been a year of miracles if you compare what has been achieved to what most of the world anticipated in August last.

Road To Victory

"We have now started on the road to victory. Nobody can name dates. But the day is no longer so far off when the Germans, realising like in 1918 their losses, their failures, their shame, will crack up all of a sudden and collapse.

"To my British friends I say. We thank you. We thank you for all you have been doing for us and for world freedom. We thank your sailors, soldiers and airmen who have now been joined by our sailors, our soldiers, our airmen, rallying to our colours from every part of the world." — British Wireless.

DUKE OF KENT IN REGINA

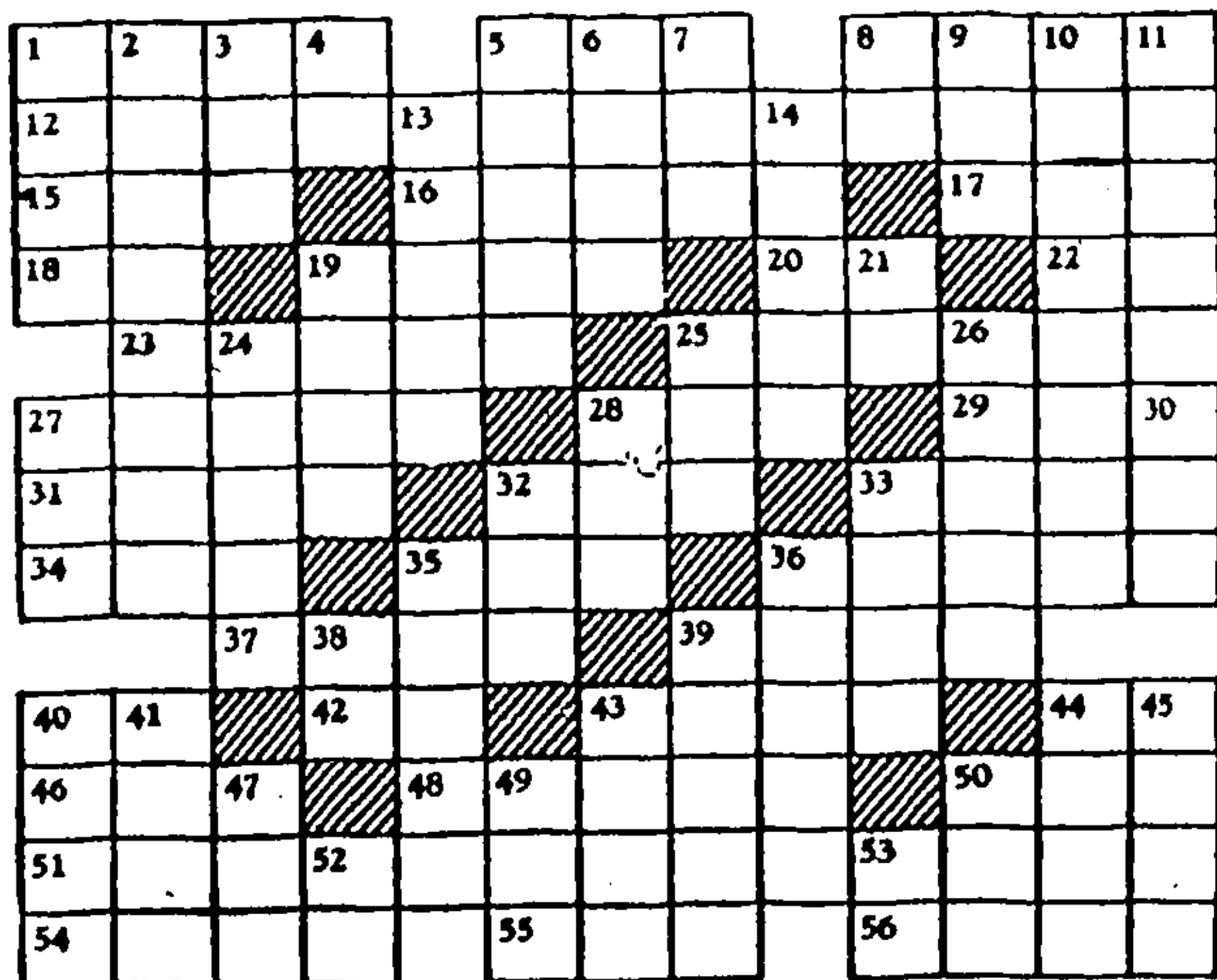
Ottawa reports state that the Duke of Kent yesterday flew from Winnipeg to Regina, Saskatchewan, to continue his tour of inspection of the schools operated under the Commonwealth air training plan. — British Wireless.

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- 22 Preposition
- 23 To harangue
- 25 Ancient Germanic law
- 27 Growing out
- 28 Favourite
- 29 Slang: pick-pocket
- 31 Proportion
- 32 Pronoun
- 33 Network
- 34 Beverage
- 35 Swine
- 36 Two-wheeled carriages
- 37 Oaf
- 39 To stagger
- 40 Sun god
- 42 Sacred Hindu word
- 43 Egyptian length measure
- 44 To exist

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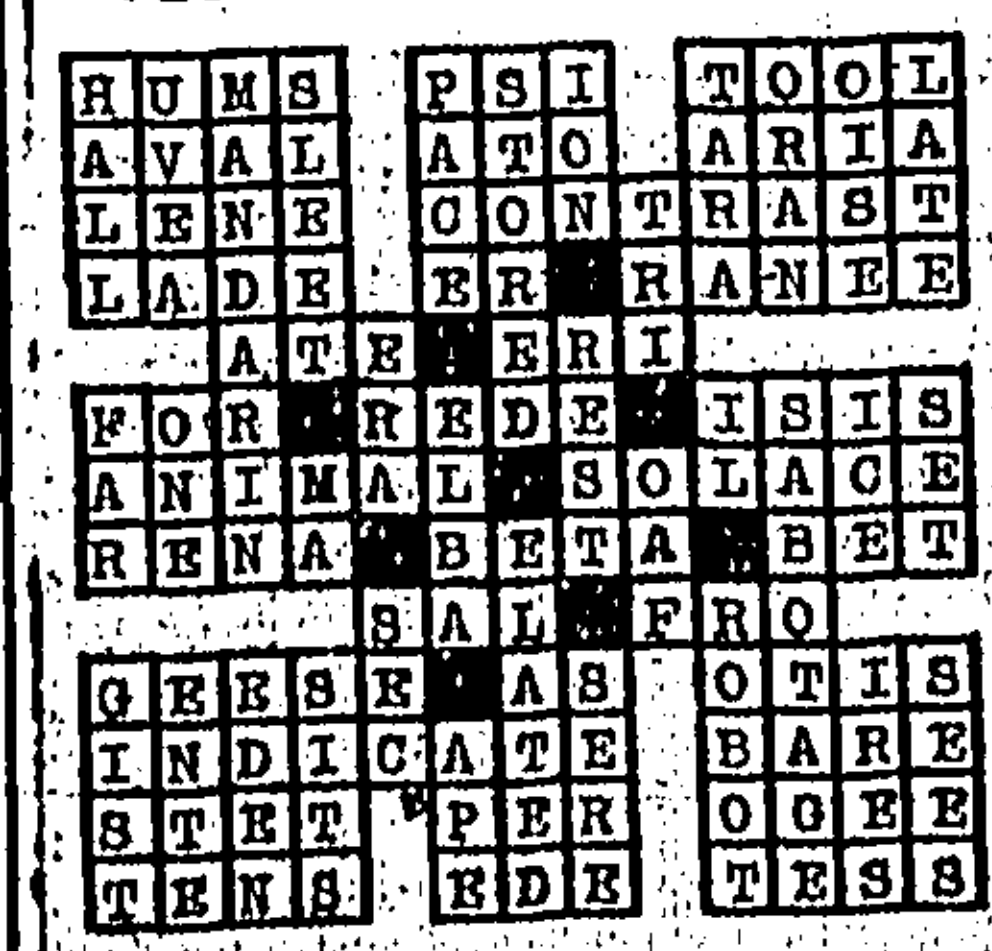
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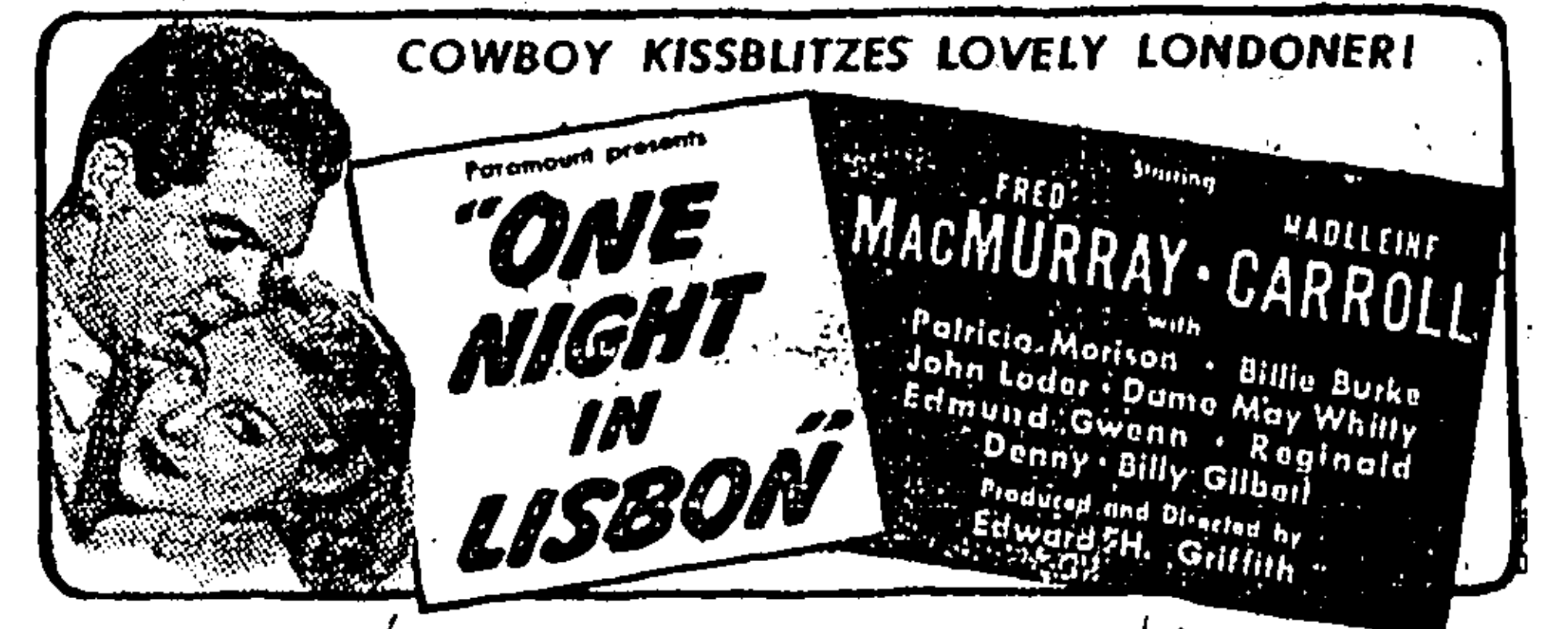
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- 30 Footlike part
- 32 Torrid
- 33 Ostrichlike bird
- 35 Substance used in tanning
- 36 Withers
- 38 Hawaiian bird
- 39 Riddle
- 40 Cereal grass
- 41 On the summit of
- 43 Fate
- 44 Foundation
- 45 Gaelic
- 47 Unit
- 49 Gaming cube
- 50 Wooden pin
- 52 Compass point
- 53 Negative

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



QUEEN'S ALHAMBRA

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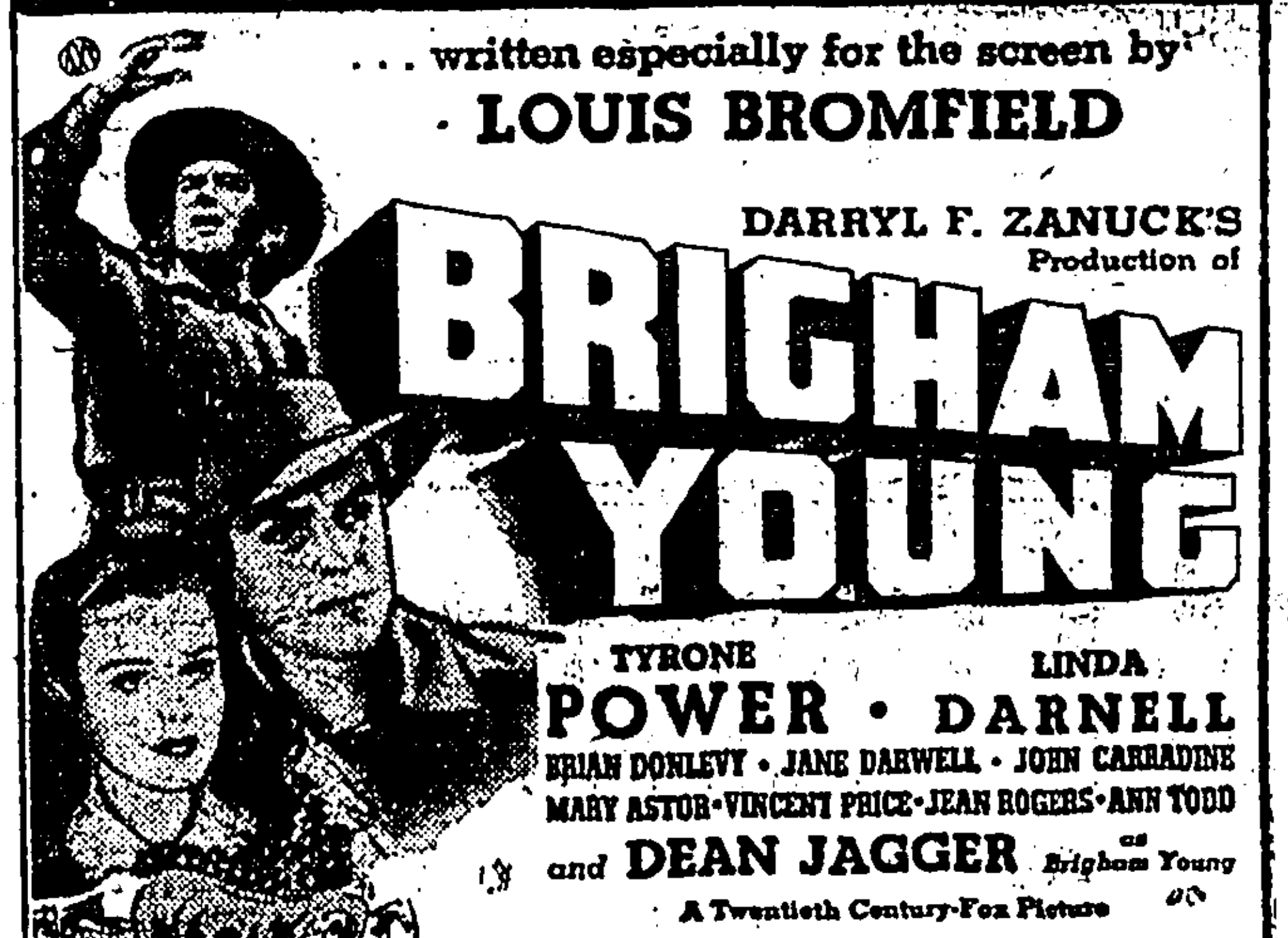
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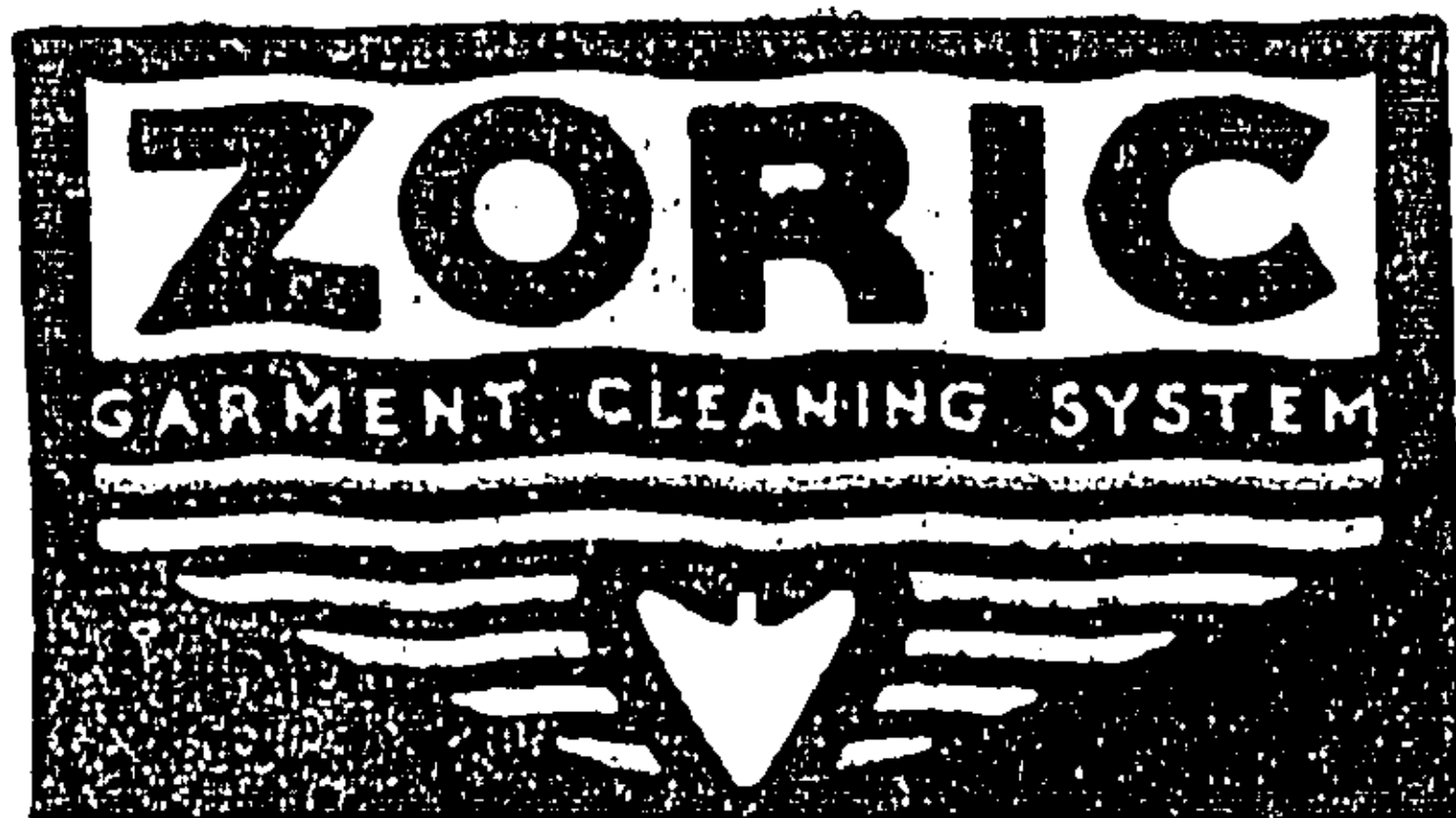
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SPEEDING UP DELIVERY TO BRITAIN

(By ANSEL E. TAIBERT)

THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE for London several days ago of Air Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill on a huge American-built, four-engined bomber from Newfoundland signalizes a tremendous speed-up in the flow to Britain by air of aircraft built in factories of the United States.

Sir Frederick, known throughout the Royal Air Force as "Ginger" Bowhill, is one of the best organizers in the British Empire, and until recently was head of the important coastal command of the British Isles, with the responsibility of seeing that every German air or sea attack on a convoy was met by immediate and appropriate counter measures.

He was relieved of this job so that he could fly to Canada and study how the delivery of American aircraft by air to Britain could be increased several hundred per cent.

Now in London making an official report embodying detailed recommendations, he is expected back soon to direct the ferrying operations in person.

"Really Rolling" Now

It has been no secret in aviation circles that British defence leaders were concerned for a time by the slowness of the trans-Atlantic ferry service to get into high gear.

At present, in the process of being taken over by the British Air Ministry, the service has been successively in the hands of a Canadian civil group and the British Ministry of Aircraft Production. Operations were hampered mainly by a lack of experienced personnel in the directorate on this side.

But, according to Col. George R. Hutchinson, American pilot who participated in the flight delivery of the initial group of Lockheed Hudson that went across the Atlantic last fall and has since flown many more trips, the bombers "really are rolling overseas" now. It is routine, he revealed while on his way to visit his family in Baltimore, for several score a day to take off for England from the run ways of the giant airport at Hatties Camp, Newfoundland. Canadian and British engineers hacked this field several years ago from the forests of the Newfoundland wilderness in anticipation of its use in war involving Britain.

Col. Hutchinson is head of the famous "flying Hutchinson family" consisting of himself, his wife, Blanche, and his two daughters, Kathryn and Janet Lee, who have visited fifty-odd countries together in their own plane in the last ten years. Since last August, when he joined the trans-Atlantic ferrying service as a charter member, he has drawn so many flight assignments to take bombers abroad on holidays such as Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Armistice Day and Memorial Day that his fellow pilots nicknamed him "Holiday Hutch".

He and the other pilots, a miscellaneous group of former crop dusters, barnstormers, airline men and British airmen drawn mainly from British Overseas Airways, have taken some strange cargoes over. Not long ago a Canadian general with his two aides, a captain and a major, sat in Col. Hutchinson's bomber for the Atlantic crossing on boxes of flare shells and pouches of diplomatic mail in company with a noted Canadian scientist.

The monotony of the trip was broken by an unusual serenade—that of 200 bullfrogs croaking in unison. These were being transported for experimentation in gas-defence laboratories so that England might have an air-tight defence against the possible use of poison gas by the Luftwaffe.

Found Courage High

"On another occasion I decided on my own to carry twenty-four cartons of American cigarettes and a couple of crates of oranges to distribute among my English friends," Col. Hutchinson related. "There is something of a scarcity

of such luxuries, but it hasn't affected the morale a bit. I never heard, in all of my visits to England, a single man, woman or child say in even a private conversation that he had the slightest doubt of England's ability to win this fight."

The hop from Newfoundland to Britain takes from seven and one-half to ten hours at present, and the return trip thirteen or more, Col. Hutchinson disclosed. Ferrying bombers, he says, isn't the hardest job on earth, although it's far from easy. He asserted that during all the delivery flights made to date, not a single ferry pilot had been attacked by a German raider.

"The way we slip into Britain at varying altitudes and times each trip would make it almost a miracle for any German fighter pilot to accomplish an interception," Col. Hutchinson related.

The reaped German bombing raids on Britain, now "one huge aerodrome," according to Col. Hutchinson, are ineffective. Concrete runways are not generally used in airports built in the British Isles, he related, and the huge craters blown in the ground are filled in and packed down in a few hours by fast-working repair crews. Col. Hutchinson said that in the raids he experienced, none of the bombers ferried over was hit directly, although one or two suffered minor damages from bomb fragments.

Praise For Britons

Col. Hutchinson and other trans-Atlantic pilots with whom I have talked have high praise for the British Overseas Airways pilots assigned to work with them. One in particular, Capt. D. C. T. Bennett, the director of operations, is credited with keeping the service at a high point of efficiency in spite of slip-ups and bottle-necks outside his control. Capt. Bennett, the pilots report, often works all day on administrative details, then decides to take overseas a four-engined bomber, and after a few hours' rest in Britain flies back again with a load of ferry pilots in his plane.

According to an official announcement of the British Press Service, four types of American bombers are being delivered by air. It reports: "There is the Lockheed Hudson, latest version of the reconnaissance bomber, which has done such magnificent work. There is the Boeing 'flying fortress.' This is a big, four-motored, high-flying bomber with a fine reputation. There is the Consolidated Liberator four-motor bomber, one of the fastest heavy bombers in the world. And there is the long-range Consolidated Catalina flying boat, one of which already has gained fame by its twenty-hour shadowing of the Bismarck."

There have been persistent rumours that Britain intends to fly some of its smaller fighter aircraft, equipped with extra gasoline tanks, across this summer, but so far none has gone.

COULDN'T JOIN US— DIED

Rudolf Landmann, 19, of Toronto, Canada, a German, tried to join the Canadian Air Force, was refused and committed suicide under a goods train—British United Press.

AMERICA COULD FEED BRITAIN BY AIR

Speaking at Schenectady, Mr. Kenneth Farrell, the food chemist, said that if shipping was unable to reach Britain it would be possible for the U.S. dried food industry to ship enough supplies by plane to feed every man, woman and child in Britain.

He calculated that 300 bombers could supply one day's food.

"SPIES" FIND ARMY GOSSIP

The Army is talking too much in this war.

This is the opinion of officials who have been "pumping" people in towns near big camps.

They were sent out to discover how much anyone would talk. How much a Fifth Columnist could discover if he tried, and what people were saying. And they found it easy.

Civilians generally cold-shoulder them. But soldiers, from captains down to privates often—casually and ingeniously—gave them all the information they want, and more.

Dropping into the conversation with a subaltern in a village bar, an official had no difficulty in discovering where his H.Q. was, how many men were stationed there, and what other troops were in the neighbourhood.

The official's report showed exactly what information he had received from different ranks in the Army and exactly what answers he got from civilians.

No one challenged him, although, if they had done so, they would have found reason to doubt his identity.

AXIS SHOWBOAT TO WOO S. AMERICA

There's a gay and luxuriously equipped showboat sailing across the South Atlantic.

She's an Axis bid to lure South Americans from friendship with Britain and the U.S.A., and her stock-in-trade includes an orchestra, rich foods, rare wines and lots and lots of honeyed words.

Flying the flag of "neutrality," the showboat is the 6,735-ton Cabodehorns and aboard are Spanish and South American officials notorious for their links with Nazis.

Cabodehorns will call at all the chief ports of South America, and leading citizens will be invited aboard.

BURIED IN ONE GRAVE

Sir James and Lady Fraser, who died within a few hours of one another, were buried in one grave at St. Giles's Cemetery, Cambridge.

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ANTHEM OF VICTORY

Throughout the nations under the heel of Hitler the letter "V" has become a symbol of the eventual victory of freedom. Chalked up on walls, it is a constant reminder to the Nazi garrisons of the submerged fires glowing under their boot heels, the fires that shall eventually destroy them and the manifold miseries for which they stand. On a recent evening the B.B.C., in every tongue spoken in Europe, suggested a number of variations on the "V" theme, calculated to drive home to the Germans the explosive quality of the hatred they have distilled on an unhappy continent. The broadcast pointed out that the Morse code signal for "V" was three dots and a dash and told Europe's oppressed to use that rhythm when they knocked upon a door, when they wished to summon a waiter, whenever they sought to express their contempt and defiance for their temporary masters.

Reports received in London indicate that the "sound war" is being taken up enthusiastically by the peoples of the occupied lands, that villagers beat out the rhythm of the "V" upon the sidewalks as German troops march through their streets, and audiences in motion-picture houses applaud to the same beat when the ordained reels of Nazi conquest are flashed upon the screen. It is not hard to appreciate the effect of this tapped-out jeer upon the invaders, to picture the nervous alertness of a Gestapo official who hears the ominous beat in every swinging shutter, creaking door and in every drumming rainfall.

But the rhythm of the "V" has another application even more dramatic, more appealing to the imagination. In the broadcast the announcer played the opening bars of Beethoven's Fifth symphony—that solemn phrase which has been termed the motive of fate. "You will notice," said the announcer, "that it is in the same rhythm as the Morse code 'V' sound. This rhythm is heard throughout the Fifth Symphony. This rhythm is your rhythm, your sign, the sign of resistance against tyranny, the sign of a great European army which will one day sweep the Germans away like straws in a flood." And so a great work of art, in this curious fashion, becomes the anthem of a great movement for human liberation; a noble effort finds noble expression.

The Fifth Symphony has many titles to this honour beyond the coincidence of rhythm, beyond even the intrinsic grandeur of the music. It was the product of another period of struggle against oppression, created by a master who was inspired by that struggle. It was completed, probably, in the year of Ulm, Austerlitz—and Trafalgar; it was first performed when the Spaniards were rising against Napoleon and patriotic fervour was sweeping the lands that the Emperor of the French had conquered, and, while less directly associated with the fight for freedom than Beethoven's "Eroica" or his "Battle" Symphony, it breathes the spirit of the era. May it be the same for our own troubled period—an anthem of hope in dark hours and of victory in the end.



West Africa The 'Iceland' Of S. Atlantic

THE strategy of the Atlantic remains America's principal, though not only military concern; and its importance has just been re-emphasised by the movement of American armed forces to Iceland. In a sense, Iceland forms part of the island sea-barrier of which the British Isles are the principal bastion, and which control access to the Atlantic from northern Europe; that is, which commands both the sea approaches to northern Europe from North America, and vice versa.

But a glance at a map of the Atlantic Ocean will show that for the purposes of American security this is hardly enough. Very likely much of the lack of clear thinking about our present military problems is due to our school geographies, which rarely contain maps of the Atlantic Ocean as a whole, but rather separate maps of the continents. Far better than a map for a clear understanding of the Atlantic problem, however, is a globe.

Three General Areas

Looking at a globe, it will be perceived that there are three general areas which American forces desiring to contain any European threat against the Americas must control. One is the island bridge across the North Atlantic, already mentioned; one is the Caribbean Sea, commanding all access to the Panama Canal and the Gulf of Mexico and controlling communication with the Pacific, and one is the narrow area between the western bulge of Africa and the northeastern shoulder of Brazil, with the island groups covering the approach to this region from Europe. The Azores, Canaries, Madeiras and Cape Verdes. Neither in these islands, nor on the western bulge of Africa itself, can the United States tolerate any hostile air or naval bases which might threaten our security, or the security of our Latin-American neighbours which is so closely bound up with our own. Moreover, if, as is certainly possible, we are called upon in our own interests to engage in active operations in the North Atlantic to maintain the island barrier of Great Britain, we ought to see to it that the Germans are given no opportunity to use their air and submarine forces to create a diversion in the South Atlantic and thus either draw off part of our strength, or threaten us into inaction in the north. Security is just as essential a principle of war as offensive ac-

tion, and offensive action must be developed from a secure base.

May Use U.S. Troops

Furthermore, we might as well recognise that we cannot solve this problem by obtaining a base on the Brazilian coast, as has been suggested recently in certain quarters. The political problems involved in doing this seem insoluble. Any such base must be garrisoned by our own troops if it is constructed; otherwise our safety rests on the ability of the Brazilians to defend the base against a full-scale modern attack, and we must further be assured that no change, local or general, will take place which might endanger the safety of the base. This is hardly enough mar-

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

gin of safety, since the very fact that any Brazilian government which would bring American troops to Brazilian soil would in itself be sufficient to cause the gravest criticisms of its conduct to arise in Brazil, and the Germans know very well how to exploit the never dying and by a little American help in the Latin-American fears of "Yankee imperialism."

We might, in building or contributing to the building of such a base, be increasing rather than decreasing our danger, we might be providing the Germans with exactly the sort of bridgehead into the Americas which they could use against us at a critical moment. Finally, a base in Brazil is not nearly as well located for all purposes of American security as a base on the western bulge of Africa in the vicinity of Dakar, supplemented by control of the Cape Verde Islands and perhaps some others. There are political problems here too; but at least they are not of so grave a nature as to involve the whole of the gains of our "good-neighbour" policy.

Vichy Firmly In Nazi Grip

All of which brings us to the question of why we are not at least more cordial, if nothing

more, to the Free French, who already control French Equatorial Africa and might, with a little help, enlarge their holdings to include much of French West Africa, even Dakar itself. It may be urged that we can hardly deal with the Free French when we still recognise the Vichy government and are trying to nurse along some rather tenuous dealings with Gen. Weygand in North Africa. But what has this policy got us so far? Exactly nothing. Vichy is firmly in the grip of the Nazis, and that grip will be tightened when it suits Hitler's purposes. Weygand has shown not the slightest sign of willingness to take any action against the Axis, though he had the opportunity of a lifetime when the British had conquered Cyrenaica and the Free French had thrust boldly up to Marzuk in southern Libya.

Our official attitude seems to be that the Free French are a sort of British offshoot, and that if we aid the British, the British can aid the Free French as they see fit; yet this is just the position in which the Free French ought not to be placed in the eyes of the French people, who are being told with such persistent reiteration by the German propaganda machine that the British are using the Free French as an instrument of nefarious plans to take over the French colonial empire.

As a matter of fact, America's standoffish policy toward the Free French, as contrasted with the help of various sorts that we have given to Vichy and Weygand, seems to place a premium, as to Vichy, on collaboration with the Germans, or, as to Weygand, a premium on inaction.

Could Be Of Great Value

Yet those very Free Frenchmen are in a position to be of great value to us if they were helped even a little. There was a time when Dakar could have been taken from the sea without much difficulty; delay and hesitation have not improved this situation. But Dakar would not long resist the combination of naval pressure and of a consolidating movement from the rear in which the Free French, aided by the British from their West African colonies in the way of munitions and planes, might mop up Dahomey, the Ivory Coast, French Guinea and the Niger territory. The repercussions of such a move would be very great even in North Africa.

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SOMETHING HE CANNOT GRASP

Hitler does not understand democracy, declared Mr. A. C. C. Robertson, a cotton workers' leader, when he addressed the Textile Factory Workers' Association at Blackpool.

"He made the first mistake," said Mr. Robertson, "in thinking that our democratic commonwealth would fall to pieces at the first blast of war."

"He never could and never will understand men from the Dominions, India and the Colonies crossing the world to defend a country they have never seen."

French Troops In Southern Region Ordered North

NO BOMBS DURING DAYLIGHT

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "A small number of enemy aircraft have flown near our coast to-day (Monday) and one flew inland. Up to 8 p.m. there was no report of any bomb having been dropped." British Wireless.

THE COMPLETION OF THE LANDING AND ASSIGNMENT TO VARIOUS SECTORS OF JAPANESE "REINFORCEMENTS" TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT DEFENCE, WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF JAPANESE FORCES, IN SAIGON.

Japanese disembarkation was still in full swing yesterday morning and a general picture of the movements of the last few days was clearer.

JAPAN THE INJURED INNOCENT

Prejudices abroad have prevented a fair understanding of the Far Eastern situation, declares the "Japan Times," which is the organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper affirms that the policy of Japan is one of "hakko ichi aye" which means "an harmonious world under one heaven."

The newspaper complains of America's pursuit of a policy consistently imperialistic, and says that no volume of moral impeachments on her part can offset the evidence of America's spreading domination.

Adding that Washington has extended its influence far from the new world into territory of other peoples, the newspaper urges the American people to re-examine the policy which designs and attempted punishment of all foreign countries which do not line up with American power politics.

Japan has worked consistently to keep peace in the Far East and has the right to live in peace and cooperation with the territories around it.—Reuter.

THEY GOT THEIR TEA

During the last blitz on London the Y.M.C.A. Services Centre in the Strand sent thirty-five mobile canteens, many operated by women, into the worst-bombed areas in answer to calls from A.R.P. workers.

"Again and again we returned to our base with the van, loaded up with hot tea and set off," said one of the women. "Many times we drove between the tottering walls of burning buildings to reach firemen."

"Our most exciting experience was when a dozen manholes blew up round the van, without doing any damage."

SEEDS FOR OUR PRISONERS

The Royal Horticultural Society is forming a committee to collect vegetable and flower seeds from members of the Society for British prisoners of war. Prisoners have asked for seeds, and they may be sent in Red Cross envelopes.

FOUGHT IN A BLUE CLOAK

Wearing a blue cloak fastened with a gold clasp embossed with the Lion of Judah, an Irishman mounted on a charger led into action amid the Abyssinian lakes an army of Abyssinian patriots.

He was Captain Thomas Hetherington Henfrey.

His irregulars are called Henfrey's Scouts.

UNAWARE HE'S EARL

"This is my daddy's house, but you can't see him. He hasn't been here since Sunday," said a fair-haired, freckled little boy.

"This engine is a cracker," he volunteered, as he clambered into the driving seat of an old lorry.

"My name's Mike. I'm six, and I can climb right up to the top of this van."

I was talking (writes a correspondent) to the twenty-first Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, lord of the 10,000 acres surrounding him, master of the centuries-old house behind him. But he did not know he was an earl.

Fought With Brains

Until recently he was Michael John James George Robert Howard Viscount Andover. Then a telegram came telling his mother, once Mimi Crawford, favourite of playgoers, that her thirty-five-year-old husband the Earl of Suffolk, had been killed.

He did not lay it down on the field of battle as did his father in the Iraq desert in 1917.

He chose to go into the front line as a civilian because he thought that he could best help his country with his brains. He was a brilliant scientist.

But when young Mike is older — he has not been told of the earl's death — he will find that his father's name is written among the bravest of the brave.

DOG PAL OF EMPEROR

ROSA, AN OLD BROWN AND WHITE MONGREL DOG, STOOD BY THE SIDE OF THE HOSTESS AT THE EMPRESS OF ETHIOPIA'S RECEPTION AT HER BATH HOME.

The dog was brought to England by the Emperor Haile Selassie. She was with him all the time he was fighting the Italians, and was blinded in one eye by poison gas.

Only once, when the Mayor of Bath, Mr. Aubrey Bath, Mr. Aubrey Bateman, proposed the health of the Emperor who has regained his kingdom, did Rosa rise to her feet and look inquiringly at the sixty guests as they clinked their glasses.

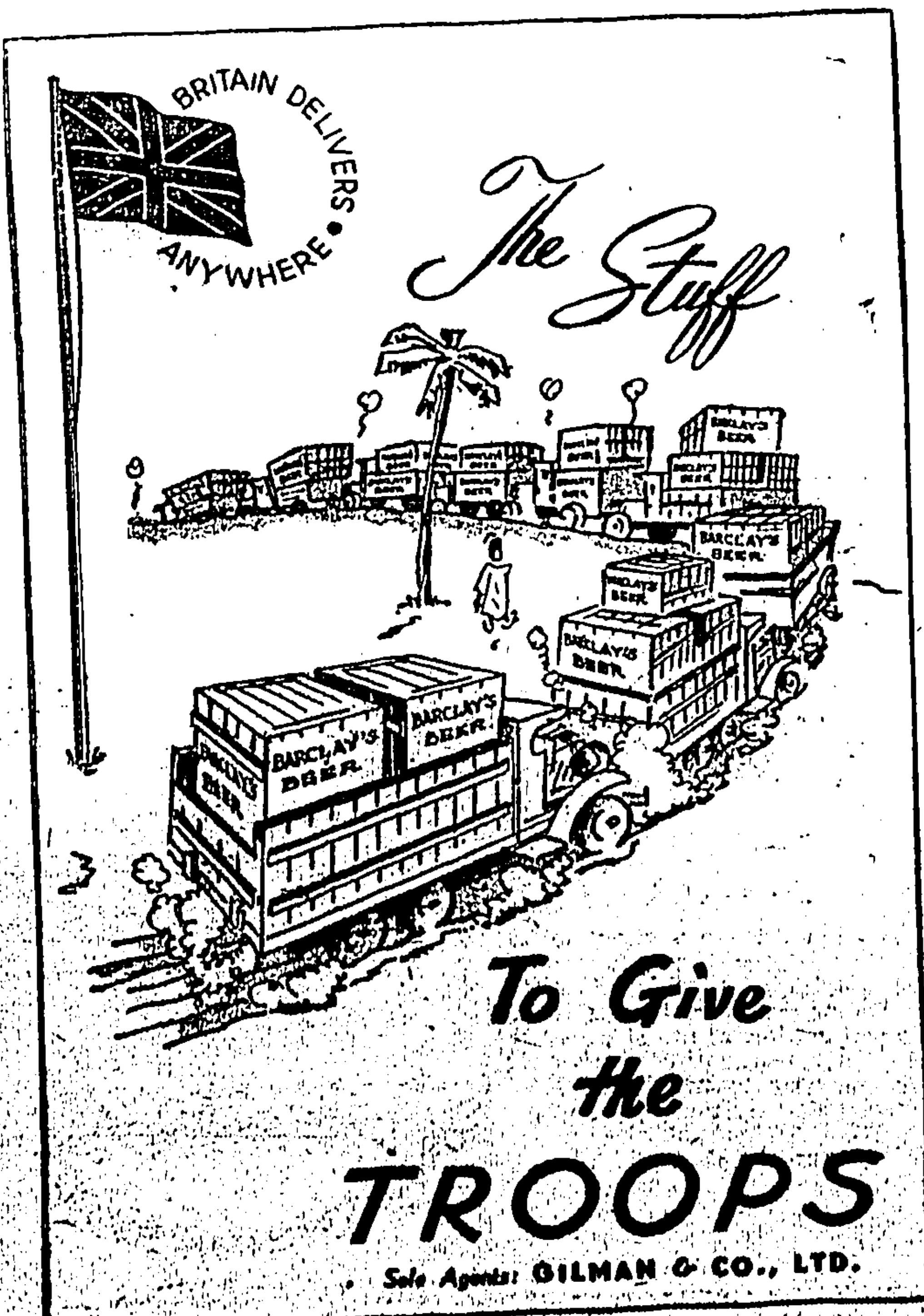
PLANE HITS TRAWLER

Crashing into a Grimsby trawler in the darkness, an enemy plane was so badly damaged that it is believed it could not reach its base.

BEGGAR EARNED MORE THAN M.P.

BEGGING IN THE STREET NOT FAR FROM THE MINISTRY OF PENSIONS WAS A MAN CLAIMING TO BE A NEEDY WAR PENSIONER.

One of the Ministry's doctors, seeing the man shivering in the cold, sent him a good overcoat. The man refused it, saying that it would "spoil his business." It turned out that he was making a bigger income than a member of Parliament and lived comfortably. The Minister of Pensions told this story in the Commons asking M.P.s not to accept pensions "hard cases" as genuine without inquiry.



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NEW ZEALAND PILOT AWARDED VICTORIA CROSS

THE VICTORIA CROSS has been conferred on Sergt. James Allen Ward, New Zealand Air Force No. 75 Squadron, in recognition of "the most conspicuous bravery."

On the night of July 7, Ward was second pilot of a Wellington bomber returning from an attack on Muenster. When flying over the Zuider Zee, the aircraft was attacked from beneath by a Messerschmitt. Fire broke out near the starboard engine and, fed by petrol from the split pipe, quickly gained an alarming hold and threatened to spread to the entire wing.

The crew forced a hole in the fuselage and made strenuous efforts to reduce the fire with extinguishers and even coffee in their vacuum flasks but without success.

As a last resort Ward volunteered to make an attempt to smother the fire with the engine cover.

With the help of the navigator he climbed through the narrow hatch.

Breaking the fabric to make hand and foot holds where necessary, and also taking advantage of existing holes in the fabric, Ward succeeded in descending to the wing and proceeding to a position behind the engine, despite the slipstream from the airscrew which nearly blew him off the wing.

Smothered Fire

Lying in this precarious position, he smothered the fire in the wing fabric. Tired as he was, he was able, with the navigator's help, to make successfully the perilous journey back into the aircraft.

There was then no danger of the fire spreading from the petrol pipe as there was no fabric left nearby, and in due course it burned itself out.

When the aircraft reached home a safe landing was made despite the damage sustained by the aircraft. Although Ward has been in Britain only four months, he has taken part in nearly a dozen raids.

Ex-Schoolmaster

Since joining his present squadron, Ward, to use his own words, has done "two Kiels, one Dusseldorf, one Cologne one Muenster and a Mannheim."

Before joining the Royal Air Force in July last year, he was a schoolmaster and was trained in New Zealand under the Empire Training Scheme.

This is the seventh Victoria Cross of the war to go to a British airman and the first to be gained by the New Zealanders. —Reuter.

DAUGHTER OF PEER KILLED

The Hon. June Forbes-Sempill, eighteen-year-old daughter of Lord Sempill, the airman peer, and grand daughter of Sir John Lavery, was killed within 100 yards of her father's home in a night air raid on London.

At the time she was on duty with the W.V.S.

Her engagement to Pilot Officer Philip Timney Thornton, R.A.F.V.R., was announced six weeks ago.

When the bomb fell, her step-mother Lady Sempill, told the "Daily Mirror": "June was in uniform waiting for a call to go out with her mobile canteen."

Miss Forbes-Sempill's fiancé is in the Middle East with the R.A.F. Intelligence.

7 HOMES: NONE LEFT FOR HER

Mrs. Eliza Dunkley set down her little case on the heap of rubble that had been a pavement and gazed tearfully at the wreckage of her home.

For most of her seventy years that Humberside cottage had been her world. Here she had reared her family of seven children.

Now she came back from a trip to a daughter's in the country to find that a Nazi bomb had laid it in ruin.

"Never mind," she said to the "Daily Mirror": "I've still got three sons and three daughters here. They've been good bairns to me. They will all be glad to give me a home."

Their Homes Gone, Too

One by one she found their homes. Each one was either a total wreck or so ruined that it was not habitable.

Her three sons and three daughters had all gone with their families into rest shelters.

So the widowed mother returned to her own home, rummaged among the wreckage, collected together the few little cheap trinkets she could find and, with grimy face and dusty costume, went back to her daughter in the country.

There was nothing else she could do.

THE DEEDS OF A SPITFIRE

You have heard of the deeds of Spitfire pilots. This is the story of a Spitfire.

In its short career it bagged three Me 109s before it was shot down.

Here is the log of how the Me fell:

No. 1 was shot down from 20,000ft. by the squadron's commanding officer, who first flew the Spitfire in a battle with nine enemy fighters.

No. 2 fell into the sea of Dover when the Spitfire, with the same pilot, led a surprise attack on eight Me 109s.

No. 3 also plunged into the sea after the pilot of the Spitfire (another airman with four earlier successes) had pulled the machine out of a 20,000ft. vertical dive.

Recently the Spitfire was shot down in battle, but the pilot saved.

"We could do with a few more like it," the squadron's C.O. wrote to the Royal Observer Corps, who presented it to the Fighter Command.

SHANGHAI VIRTUALLY ISOLATED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

An official of the Shanghai branch of the J.C.J.L., questioned regarding a rumour that their liners will no longer be calling at Shanghai, said yesterday that they were hopeful that the situation would straighten itself out shortly.

Shanghai is still virtually isolated, owing to the restrictions placed by the Japanese on travel.—International News Service.

CHEUNG CHAU MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WAS HELD YESTERDAY, IN SPITE OF THE TYPHOON WEATHER, WITH MR. D. O. SILVER, PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Kemof, and reports were read by Mrs. Lily Franklin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

As there are so few on the island at present owing to the evacuation of both British and American residents, it was voted and passed that last year's office-bearers carry on for the next year, namely:—President, Mr. D. O. Silver; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Harold Smyth and James Smith; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Lily Franklin.

It was also decided that the Government be approached again for the annual grant of \$150 for the upkeep of the roads and paths on the Islands. The meeting then terminated and the Householders and Owners met and decided that no change be made in the constitution for the present.

'OLD LADY' CAME FIRST

To his father, Mr. George Dove Meyer made a promise that he would always look after the old nurse who looked after him when he was a baby.

At Clerkenwell police court that promise was accepted as a reason why Mr. Meyer cannot pay his landlord an extra £1 a month under an order for arrears in rent.

"I could only do it by sacrificing an honourable undertaking given to my father to pay an annuity of £26 to the dear old lady who nursed me when I was a baby," he said. The landlord's application was refused.

At his home in Victoria Road, Mill Hill, after the case, Mr. Meyer told the "Daily Mirror": "Nanny looked after me, and it's up to me to look after her now. I am so glad the magistrate listened to me."

"She is now well over seventy, and I would like to see her as content as possible."

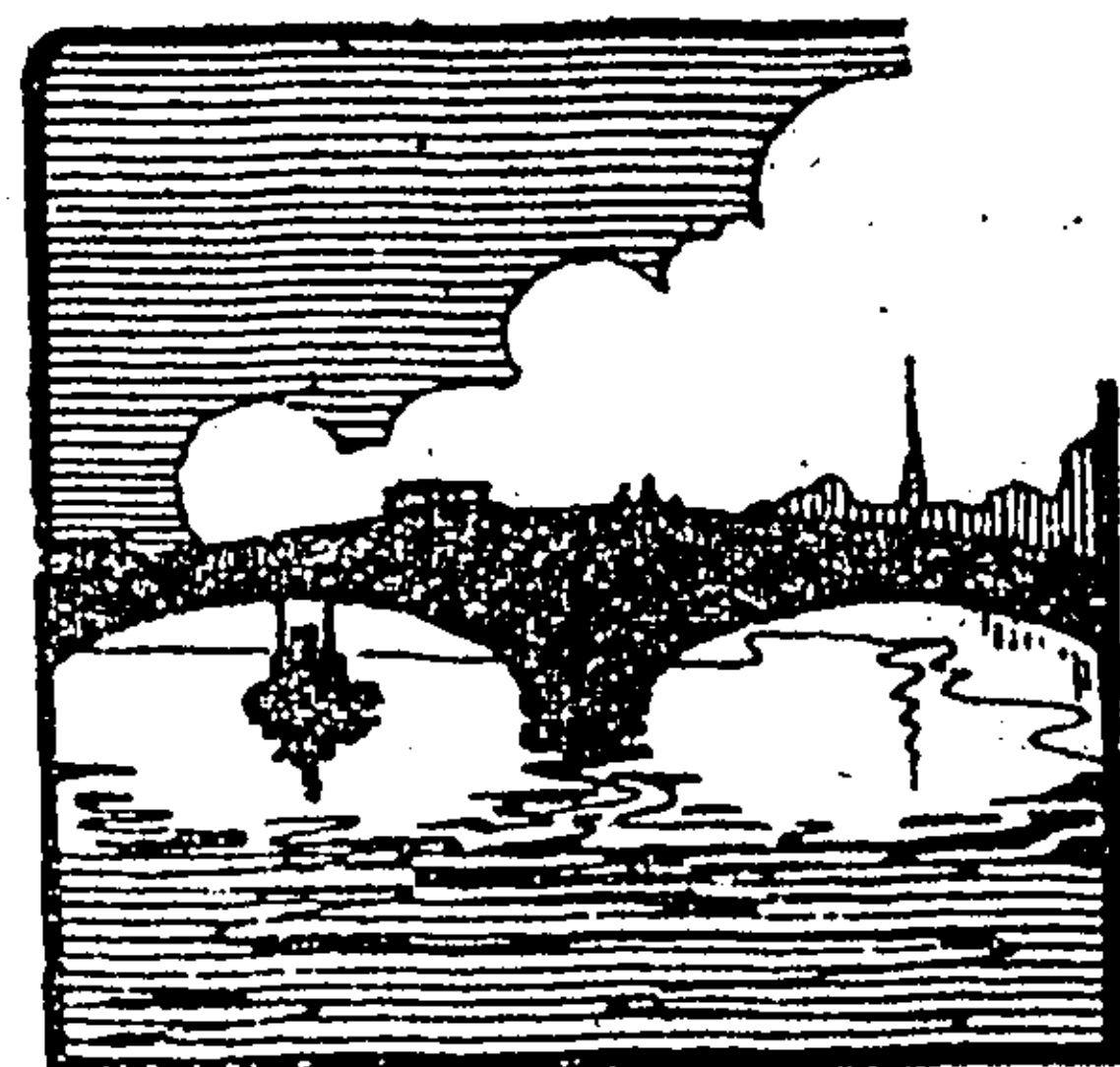
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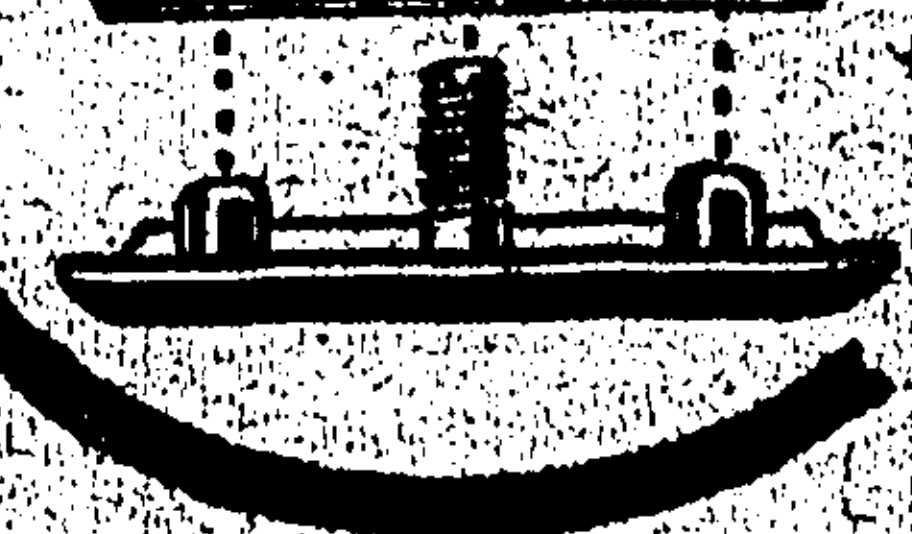
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Minerals Needed For Beauty

You have been hearing a good deal about vitamins and minerals of late. To-day I want to tell you as simply as possible about minerals which are essential to the well-balanced menu.

Minerals work in our bodies four ways. They make bones, teeth, the skeleton. They are the chief solid part of all soft tissues (muscles, blood, etc.). They cause muscles and nerves to work properly (regulate the heart beat, etc.). They supply the materials necessary to keep a proper balance in the fluids, digestive juices and other secretions of the body.

How Minerals Affect Beauty Problems

When we see people whose health and beauty are affected by poor teeth, poor bone formations resulting in hollow chests, poorly developed lungs, not to mention bow legs, knock knees, and flat feet and very serious after results of rickets, we begin to appreciate the importance of having the necessary amounts of minerals in one's diet. Most people do not get enough of calcium, phosphorus or iron.

Let me caution those who cook for the family not to discard the juices of cooked foods. Use the minimum amount of water to cook vegetables and see that all juice is eaten if not with the vegetables, then in soups or gravies. If you discard the juice you discard precious vitamins and minerals.

Which Foods Contain Minerals

Through the courtesy of the New York State Department of Nutrition I shall list foods which contain the three minerals which most diets lack.

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF CALCIUM: Milk, buttermilk, cheese, dandelion greens, figs, molasses, oysters, beans, spinach, oranges, cottage cheese, small onions. (There are many more



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foods containing calcium but these listed contain higher percentage.)

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PHOSPHORUS: Lean beef, baked beans, buttermilk, milk, oysters, lean fish, cottage cheese, bran, American cheese, canned corn, eggs, shredded wheat.

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF

IRON: Spinach, lean beef, dandelion greens, molasses, navy baked beans, figs, egg yolk, shredded wheat, maple syrup, potatoes (white), fresh lima beans, bran.

So if you include several of the foods mentioned above in your daily menus, in normal quantity, the chances are you will be supplied with sufficient amounts of calcium, phosphorus and iron.



The golf widow says the home garden would produce if her husband would put as much effort into digging in it as he does in the bunkers on the golf course.



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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—*I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire*; April Played: *The Fiddle* (from film "If I Had My Way")... Tommy Dorsey and his Orch.
Paso-Doble—*Coplas*; Slow-Gitano—*Ya No Te Quiero*... Orchestro Manolo Bel El Ses Muchachos.
Fox-Trot—*Slow Freight*; Eep-Ipe... The Mill Herth Trio.
Tango Argentine—*A Love Letter*... Heinz Huppertz & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—*The Breeze And I*; Waltz—*When Shall We Two Meet Again*... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Charpentier—*Impressions d'Italie*. Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.

1.25 p.m.—A Song by Georges Thill (Tenor).
"Werther"—O Nature, Full of Grace (Massenet).

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
Dorothy—*Selection* (Cellier). Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Helen—*Vocal Gems* (Offenbach)... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
The Maid of the Mountains (Fraser-Simson). The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—A Military Band Concert and Dennis Noble (Baritone).
Zampa—*Overture* (Herold, arr. Godfrey)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
The Empire Is Marching (Clifford Grey & Dudley Glass)... Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Le Reve Passe (Krier & Helmer). Officer of the Day (Hall)... Massed Bands of the Northern Command.

Son O' Mine; The Rebel (both from "Freebooter Songs"—W. Wallace)... Dennis Noble with Piano.
The Grenadiers Waltz; Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel)... Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.18 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
Dear Wales; The Village Spring (Arr. T. Osborne Roberts)... Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.
March of the Men of Harlech (Welsh Air); All Through The Night... Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—A Light Classical Programme.

Evansong (Easthope Martin)... The New Symphony Orchestra.
Sea Fever (Ireland)... Stuart Robertson (Bass) with Piano.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt)... Mischa Levitzki (Piano).
Valse Triste (Sibelius)... Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
Wine, Women And Song (Strauss)... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Orch.
Serenade (Moszkowski)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquin (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

9.30 p.m.—Liszt—Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem. The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Violin Solos.

The Violin Song (from "Tina"—Paul Rubens); L'Heure Exquise (Hahn)... Albert Sandler with Piano and Cello.

Scherzo Tarantelle (Wienawski); Malaguena (Sarasate)... Temilanka with Piano.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Variety and Dance Music.

Piano—*Imagination*; They Call Me A Dreamer... "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson).

Fox-Trot—*Begin The Beguine*; Quick-Step—*I've Got My Eyes On You* (from "Broadway Melody")... Billy Cotton and his Band.

Vocal—*Make Believe Island*; Meet The Sun Half-Way (from film "If I Had My Way")... Beryl Davis with Instrumental accomp.

Fox-Trot—*I Was Watching A Man Paint A Fence*; Slow Fox-Trot—*I Love You Too Much*... Ambrose & his Orchestra.

Vocal—*The Army, The Navy and The Air Force*; When The Sergeant Major's On Parade... Cyril Norman with Herman Darewski & his Band.

Fox-Trot—*The Gaucho Serenade*; Waltz—*As Round and Round We Go* (from "Haw-Haw")... Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Vocal—*The Nearness of You*; Much More... Lovely... Elisabeth Welch with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—*Faithful Forever* (from film "Gulliver's Travels"); Down The Trail Of Dreams... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

Vocal—*Missouri Waltz*... Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—*Moonlight Avenue*; Quick-Step—*Let The People Sing* (from film "Lights Up")... Gerald & The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

FOOTLIGHTS SHINE ON IN BRITAIN

(By HAROLD HOBSON)

"WE'VE COME BACK to London at absolutely the first possible moment."

It was Leslie Henson, perhaps the greatest of English comedians, who was speaking, after the return to the West End of his revue "Up and Doing." This entertainment had been one of the most popular shows of 1940 when the September night attacks on London closed down the theatres. It then went on tour in the provinces for about six months, and re-opened at the Saville in the early summer of this year.

"We came back," said Mr. Henson, "as soon as the bombs were out of the theatre, and the road was put down in front of it." The Saville was hit in one of the first big raids, and it is, I believe, the first important London theatre to get repaired and start again. Happily, large numbers of London theatres are still intact. The Shaftesbury, the Queens, and the Palace may present a gaunt and hollow and scorched appearance to the gray eyes of England, but, in the main, the destruction of houses of entertainment has not provided the theatrical profession with any insuperable problems. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the public entertainers of to-day find their activities far more restricted in the present war than they were in the struggle of 25 years ago.

Theatre Front Unstable

One of the main difficulties is that conditions on the theatre front are as hard to stabilise as in the sphere of military affairs. As soon as the war began the Government immediately ordered all theatres to shut down because of the possibility of large-scale bombing. This at once threw out of work many hundreds of people. After a week or so, places of entertainment started cautiously to reopen. Herbert Farjeon started at the Little Theatre with a non-stop revue beginning about lunch-time. A little later, the Westminster led the way backward to evening performances with J. B. Priestley's "Music at Night." Thereafter theatres and cinemas resumed their activities on a rapidly increasing scale, and the first winter of the war passed with entertainment holding its own, if not actually flourishing.

There were few spectacular productions. Most of the shows that were put on employed only comparatively small numbers of people, and unemployment consequently remained an important factor in the entertainment situation.

At the beginning of the war most of the best-known actors and actresses in Britain offered their services for the amusement of the troops, both in Britain and in France. Players like Leslie Henson, Binnie Hale, and Evelyn Laye crossed over the Channel, and appeared in numerous military concerts. These were organised by E. N. S. A., the Entertainments National Service Association. But gradually one by one these players drifted back into commercial entertainment, though there are some eminent people, like Miss Lillian Braithwaite, who are still actively concerned with E.N.S.A. Its activities are for the most part carried on by actors of less renown.

Bombs Closed Theatres

The collapse of France reduced considerably the volume of entertainment business both in cinemas and theatres. But August, 1940, saw one of the most promising theatrical booms known since the World War. Then, in September, 1940, came the bombs. For a few nights the theatres and cinemas tried to carry on. After the play of the evening had finished the actors and actresses would reappear on the stage, and give a further and impromptu performance, lasting sometimes till 5 o'clock in the morning, when the All Clear signal would enable the audience to return home. But it soon became evident that this sort of thing could not last. The theatres closed down again. Once more Mr. Farjeon led the way to re-opening, presenting his revue, "Diversion," at matinees only.

The institution of double summer time for some months in 1941 has, however, made it possible for theatres now to give early evening performances.

One effect of these vicissitudes

is that, generally speaking, the public entertainer is much poorer than he or she was before the war. Until the eve of hostilities there were many players in London earning more than £80 a week. But it soon became the common custom even for stars to accept £24 a week and a share in the profits. One or two players even to-day, like Rex Harrison, manage to keep a valet, but they are few in number. And those who still live in expensive hotels now engage one room instead of a suite, even though war-time rents in the West End are considerably reduced.

Yet actors and actresses keep cheerful. Some of them are Americans and could, if they wished, have left England several months ago. But they did not.

"Did you ever think of leaving London?" I asked Dorothy Dickson, the most celebrated American singer and dancer we have had over here for 20 years.

"I never thought of it for a moment," she said firmly.

"And didn't you think of going back in the Washington?" I inquired of two Americans acrobats, not at all well-known, whom I ran into in Birmingham one evening as the air raid sirens were blowing.

"Leave England?" they exclaimed. "Not on your life. We'd rather face bombs any day than those New York agents!"

Responsibilities Shouldered

All classes of players have fully taken their share of the responsibilities that war has thrust on the civilian population of this country.

Ralph Richardson, who is equally well-known both on the stage and the screen, joined the Naval air arm as soon as the war started. When he made a forced landing in Hampshire on one occasion the local inhabitants thought he was a German invader. Michael Shepley became a policeman, and patrolled Trafalgar Square. Miss Dickson joined the Committee of the Refugees of England, an Anglo-American organisation devoted to the welfare of Continental refugees in England. She was one of the first people to take oil stoves down to the East Side of London when an air raid deprived it of gas for cooking. The list could be indefinitely extended; for although the war has in many ways disrupted the lives and activities of the public entertainers of Britain, it certainly has not knocked them off their form, nor lessened their readiness to put up a good show.

BLAMED BOMBED HOME

When Chas. Owlett (58), of Penywern Road, Earl's Court, was charged at Marlborough Street Police Court with the theft of books from Messrs. Foyle, of Charing Cross Road, he was said to have told a detective that his home had been bombed in South London, and he had lost all his books.

Owlett, who was described as a writer of some standing in the literary world, was seen to climb a ladder in the shop, take the books, and leave the shop. When stopped in the street by the shop detective, he confessed that he had nine others at home.

Owlett told the Magistrate that he had had three disastrous years.

He was bound over for twelve months.



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NO JOBS—GIRLS JOIN A.T.S.

Girls blitzed out of their jobs flooded officials of the women's auxiliary services, A.T.S., WAAFs and WRENS, with inquiries for enlistment.

"They all say 'I want to do something about this. When can I join?'" an official told the "Daily Mirror". "We won't get the full boom for enlistment for a few days yet."

"We always have a rush of applicants after a heavy blitz and we are fully prepared for this one."

The girls were among numerous Londoners who found that their jobs had crashed to the ground under the ruins of bombed offices, little shops and bravely-struggling small cafes, the military objectives of the last Hun hate raid.

Typists and shop girls rounded the familiar corner which led them to their work to find only a rubble of brick dust and broken glass as a memorial of the steady job of last week.

Often a barrier kept them from approaching the door through which they had entered so many mornings at ten to nine.

Mastered Their Sobs

The loss of their old jobs hit many of these women hard. The young ones took it best, took it with a thrug of resignation and a

LAST SALUTE TO 4 'LITTLE MEN'

THEY CALLED THEM the four "little men," though the eldest was only sixteen.

And when they passed down their East End street for the last time everyone turned out to pay a last tribute to Georgie, Leslie, Terrance and Gordon . . . the "little men" who died doing a man's job.

They gave their lives fighting in the last big blitz over London.

The boys never missed going out to help in a raid and they were always together, either extinguishing incendiaries, rescuing injured or bringing a smile to shelterers.

When they were killed by a high-explosive somewhere near their street they were together trying to put out a fire.

Those shelterers they had made smile, the people who owed their lives to them, A.R.P. and A.F.S. volunteers all remembered as they stood watching the last of the "little men."

For the older women, settled into years of regular routine, the occasion was one of deeper sadness and hardly-concealed tears.

Quickly, as if ashamed, they mastered their sobs and joined in street-corner conferences of fellow-employees deciding what to do to find a new living.

Shelterers collected for wreaths, so did the A.F.S. and the local A.R.P.

"Pluckiest Ever"

Neighbours paid the funeral expenses and A.R.P. representatives followed the procession.

"They were the pluckiest boys I've ever seen," a resident down their street told the "Daily Mirror."

Georgie, Leslie, Terrance and Gordon (who was only fourteen) ran messages for the defence services when they were not working on their own.

"We'll miss 'em down our way," said one old man, brushing away a tear. "We'll miss those little men."

HE GETS BOOBY PRIZE

General Garibaldi, commander of the Italian forces in North Africa, has been awarded the Iron Cross by Hitler.

AUNTIE HELPS MOTHER'S DARLING

"Mother's Darling" — girl registering for the national call-up who has never gone out to work or left home—is being specially catered for.

She can take her mother along with her when she goes to sign on, and her war-time career is discussed and decided on with the help of an official adviser. One of these advisers is a kindly smiling-eyed, middle-aged woman at Battersea, London, S.W.

"The girls call her Auntie Louise."

"The main trouble with most young girls going out to work for the first time is that they seem afraid to leave home," Auntie told the "Daily Mirror."

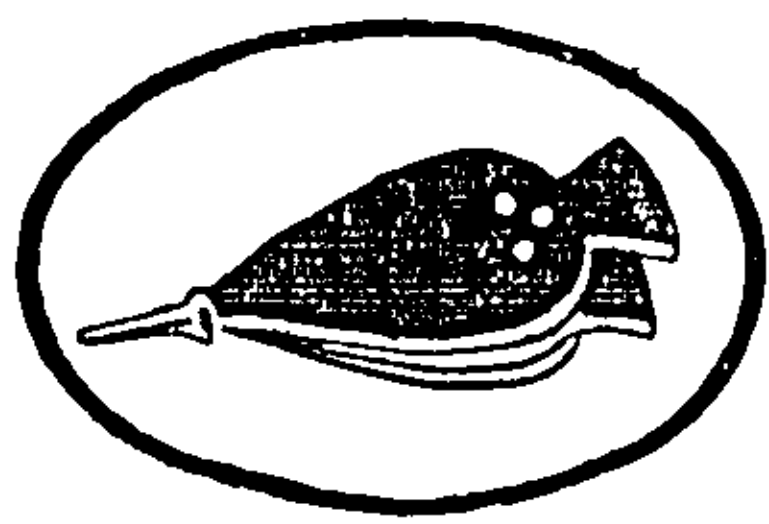
"But I always try to explain to them that their characters will never develop if they don't go out while they are still young. I never hesitate to advise them to leave."

"I explain to mothers, too, how it teaches their daughters self-reliance."

ITALY CENSORS VATICAN

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KARL KOZELUH RANKS AMONG TENNIS STARS

Karl Kozeluh, famous internationalist, ranks with the tennis greats, Tilden, Lacoste, Cochet, Budge and Perry.

"Tilden and Lacoste stand out," explains Professional Kozeluh, the one-time American Davis Cup team coach. "The others are close."

"Tilden was always good every day."

"Vines had one good year. A great player will stay up there for four or five years. Look how long Tilden was on top. He is still formidable and he is 48 years old."

"Perry was a better all-round player than Budge, but I believe Budge at his peak could have beaten the Englishman. Budge quit amateur tennis a year before he hit his peak. Budge and Perry outside on grass that would be a match to see. Indoors on canvas, that is not tennis."

"Vines had a good serve and forehand but no backhand. Ellsworth's footwork was not good, either."

Perry Smart

"Perry had perhaps the best footwork. He was a smart player. Vines and Stofen had the best serves. They were tall. Tilden's was great, too."

"I did not see William M. Johnston at his best. He was little and very quick. California style. He was great for two or three sets, but in championship tennis a man must be good for five sets."

"Lott was the best doubles man. He won the championship with three different partners."

"Riggs is the best amateur today, but he may not win any more. He argues with his wife. A man must concentrate to play winning tennis. Fighting with a wife is no good."

Tilden, The Kingpin

"Kovacs is a funny fellow. He makes shots nobody else can make, but he is not good every day."

"McNeil is just a swinger. When he is hitting he can give anybody a game, but that is not often enough."

SING TAO PLAYERS RETURNING

Cable advice received by Mr. Aw Ho, of Sing Tao football team, yesterday morning stated that all the members of the touring team at present in Australia will be returning.

SCHOOLS' AQUATIC ENTRIES

Seven entries, five from boys' schools, have been received by the Victoria Recreation Club, for the forthcoming Boys' and Girls' Schools swimming gala.

The schools participating are: Boys: St. Joseph's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys School, St. Stephen's College and Nam Wah School.

Girls: St. Mary's School, French Convent.

A meeting of school representatives will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at V.R.C.

FLOODLIT BOWLS TO-NIGHT

The following will represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club against Lane, Crawford, Ltd., in a friendly floodlit Lawn Bowls match at Ming Yuen to-night, commencing at 8 p.m.

R. W. Smith, A. G. Everest, W. E. Macfarlane and J. F. Lunny (Skip); J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip); W. Stoker, E. L. Groom, J. F. Barron and A. F. Paul (Skip). Reserve: G. W. K. Crawford.

The Kowloon Cricket Club concert and dinner, which was to be held on Saturday, has been postponed to Saturday, August 16.

Two matches in the Wu Teh-chun Cup Basketball tourney, which were to have been played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, yesterday evening were postponed owing to bad weather. The games were between Sing Tao and Wah Kiu and Police and Recreation Club.

"Suzanne Lenglen was the greatest woman player who ever lived. She was like a boy on the court. Alice Marble would have no chance with her. Lenglen, then Helen Wills Moody Roark, then perhaps Marble. Molla Bjurstedt Malory was very good, but not good enough for Lenglen or Moody."

They all agree on Suzanne Lenglen and Big Bill Tilden.

Dazzling Double Killing Smothers Belated Rally

(By "Grandstand")

THE RESUSCITATED CHUNG HWA BASE-BALL LEAGUE FLAG HOPES SUFFERED A DEATH BLOW WHEN THE MINDANAO MERRY-MAKERS TROUNCED THE MAROONS 14 TO 1 LAST SATURDAY BEHIND LOU PAWLOSKI'S THREE-HIT MOUND PERFORMANCE, CLIMAXED BY A DAZZLING DOUBLE-KILLING IN THE LAST CHAPTER TO SMOTHER A BELATED RALLY, WHILST SUNDAY'S TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR WASHED OUT THE MINDANAO-SOUTH CHINA TILT.

The Potent Polack had the Chung Hwamen eating out of his hands, and whiffed no less than 10 Maroons, who had more strikes called on them than a union, whilst losing chucker Wally Ching sent seven Minnies back to the bench for a drink of water, but issued free transportation to the initial station to six Pawloskimen and was charged with one wild pitch.

Speedy Centre-gardener Earl Wilson, inaugurating the first chapter for the Minnies looked at two straight pitches and swung at a high one for the first strike-out. "Crooner" Ruel singled, and Pawloski laid down a honey of a dump to put ducks in the pond, whilst cleaner-upper Tony Mascavage worked slabster Ching to two-and-three before he drew a pass to load the sacks, but McKenzie fouled out and R. Wilson tapped out a feeble roller to end the scoring threat. In the Maroons' half, Dick Chung, Loney Loong and Bil Chang went out in order for a scoreless frame.

A walk, a triple assisted by a trio of errors saw two Mindanao tallies cross the pan in the second, whilst the Laumen took advantage of "Greasy" Moore's bobble to chalk up their lone counter. In the third the Pawloskimen added another tally on a single, and turned on the heat in the fifth when they ran up five runs on the score-board on a bunting rampage.

The scoring gates were closed in the sixth but the Minnies loaded the bases twice in the seventh to produce a cluster of six markers to stow the game away on ice.

With the exception of the second chapter, when Morocco Chan romped over the plate standing up on Moore's tumble, the Maroons were horse-collared for the rest of the game. In the last frame Chung Hwa first-sacker Morocco Chan, slashed a sizzler over third. Wally Ching, next up, connected for an ankle-cutter headed for the hot corner, but third-sacker Bowersox came up with it clean and rifled his peg across the diamond to toss out the runner by a step, whilst first-sacker Henry Ruel "air-mailed" the apple back to third, where Morocco Chan was tagged out by a whisker for the only twin-erasure of the scuffle.

Both Henry Ruel and Maroon first-sacker Morocco Chan came through with two in three batting performances, the former driving in one of his mates, whilst Lou Pawloski aided his own cause, with a pair of little big hits, when he had the Chung Hwa infield bamboozled with his bunt strategem.

Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	6	1	.857
Hong Kong Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	4	3	.571
U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	5	.286
South China	1	6	.146

* Since withdrawn.

Groneck's Big Hit

Right gardener Groneck connected for the longest hit of the day, when he clubbed Wally Ching's first offering into deep centre and scamped home on a wild heave.

THE SHORT-STOP GAP WAS A YAWNING HOLE IN THE MINDANAO RUN-MAKING MACHINE, AS "GREASY" MOORE, GUARDIAN OF THE WINDY ALLEY, FUMBLER BOTH CHANCES THAT CAME HIS WAY, FOR THE ONLY MISCUSES, IN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A FLAWLESS FIELDING DISPLAY.

Sound Umpiring

Despite the not-too-complimentary remarks of a certain leather-tongued umpire, regarding "Surge" Welford's eye-sight, the Sapper mentor stepped into the breach last Saturday and called a fine game, after the umpire, appointed had failed to show up. The fighting Sapper was careful in his work and showed real determination and speed in calling the pitches and seeing that they "stay called".

Fans who go out to the ball park every week are very often under the impression that umpires belong to some unnatural species of mankind possessing "infallible judgment, and heaven help the (Continued on Page 15)

Easier Golf

CORRECT TURN By Best Ball

Ability to maintain a constant position throughout a wide backswing is one golfing fundamental the average player often finds hard to achieve. Not only is there danger of a sway to the right as the club is taken back but there is an additional tendency to raise or straighten the upper part of the body. Both of these conditions have a tendency to impair the accuracy of the swing. At address the stroke moves from a fixed centre like the spoke of a wheel and the movements, detailed here, result in changing this centre. The descending swing in such instances is likely to be inaccurate.

By allowing the body to turn freely underneath the head, which remains anchored in one spot, the stroke is certain to be more accurately grooved. That is precisely what Patty Berg, the Minneapolis star, is doing here. So complete is the turn that at the top of the stroke, her back is presented to the hole.



star at 17, Miss Berg was often troubled by an unsound stance and swing plus nervousness. Her courage and determined play however carried her to many championships at that early age despite these handicaps and patient practice has long since eradicated them. Next Article:—Long Driving

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BONURA FOLLOWS GREENBERG

Zeke Bonura is doing a Hank Greenberg and storing his big bat for a real war-club. He's been called in the draft and refuses to seek deferment. His loss to the minors, is easily what Hank's was to the majors, for Zeke has been setting the American Association afire.

Bonura, stepping down a peg or two after a slugging career in the American and National leagues, played so well with Minneapolis that, he said, he got two offers to return to the show and he rejected both because of his happiness here and the imminence of the draft call.

Zeke Feted

Checking out to visit his folks in New Orleans before reporting for army duty, Bonura was feted by the ball club and by individuals.

Big Zeke caught the fancy of Minneapolis fans and the ball club with his playing and his good nature. Mike Kelly, club President, said that never in his 47 years in baseball had he found a better player.

"Zeke is absolutely tops. He always was out there to win ball games and he always had a plug for the other fellow."

36 Double Plays

Zeke helped the Millers lead the league. He hit around .400 most of the short season and his fielding average was .991. He figured in 36 double plays and had 28 assists for 45 games. Among his hits were two homers with the bases filled.

It was not only his own play that helped. Zeke had the Millers all steamed up with his pepper, and Manager Tom Sheehan tells how between games Bonura aided others. Outfielder Fabe Gaffke was having a tough time finding his batting eye. Zeke gave him a few pointers, and now Gaffke's hitting around .370. The same applies to infielder Frankie Trechok, now batting .300 for the first time after Bonura coached him along.

The Third Round Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship game between Rinks skipped by C. S. Rosset and C. Strange and the Second Division Lawn Bowls League game between Kowloon Football Club and Prison Officers' Club, which were to have been played yesterday, were postponed owing to the threatening typhoon.

CENTURY FOR BILL EDRICH

With the majority of the leading players in action, cricket was the main holiday attraction in England yesterday.

A crowd of 20,000 saw a combined Middlesex and Essex side score 412 for 6 declared against a combined Kent and Surrey side at Lord's yesterday, the outstanding feature being 102 by Squadron leader Bill Edrich, England Test cricketer. The match concludes today.

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 32 runs, Worcester scoring 139 and Warwick 107.

Northamptonshire, scoring 165 for 8 declared, drew with Leicestershire, who scored 13 for 1.

London Counties, comprising the leading southern players, scored 163, O'Connor of Essex hitting up 60, and drew with the Mayor of Southgate's team, who scored 23 for 4.

Derby, 216 for 6 declared, drew with Nottinghamshire, who scored 57 for 1.—Reuter.

TWO HAT TRICKS

A two-day cricket match took place over the week-end between a British Empire team and Metropolitan Police, British Empire winning by 153 runs.

Remarkable bowling marked the match. T. Oliver, of Police, took 6 for 35, including the hat trick in the Empire's second innings, but Police in their second innings found C. B. Clarke, West Indies Test player, practically unplayable. Clarke took all 10 wickets for 29, including the hat trick. Scores: British Empire.—172 and 148-9 (declared). Police.—95 and 72.—Reuter.

Filipino Club are holding an American Tennis Tournament on Sunday, August 17.

COLONY TENNIS THEN AND NOW

By "Incog"

IN WEATHER LIKE we are having at the time of writing, when the order of the day appears to be rain, rain and more rain, one may be forgiven for being a little retrospective. It has its merits and demerits, to my mind, the former only when the accusation of being long-winded cannot be hurled without some justification.

I have been glancing through a list of some of the Colony's tennis champions of the past, and names like H. A. Nisbet, Ng Sze-kwong, "Sammy" Green, and the Hancock brothers come to mind quickly.

Compared to the champions of to-day, these players would perhaps be regarded as "slow on the feet," but I dare venture the opinion, without any fear of contradiction, that any of them could have given the present-day champions lessons on courtcraft, and a point or two in the matter of stroke production.

Kent's Back-Hand

I am almost tempted to include the names of the Rumjahnns in this list of former topflight players, because they first crashed their way into prominence on the local courts in the early 20's, but the fact that they still figure so prominently amongst the leading players now makes me rather hesitant. There is another name that should, to my mind, also be included amongst those mentioned above—that of N. E. Kent, whose rather unique way of executing the backhand, with the racket held almost horizontally always intrigued me.

More latterly, the Lo brothers also made their presence felt in the tennis firmament here, and for many years we were provided with some scintillating tennis by "Kam" and "Wei," who won the doubles title in 1920, and for many years stayed at the top of the ladder.

More Interest

Somehow, it seems to me that more interest was taken in tennis in those days. I remember that League matches also drew large crowds, especially from 1921 to about 1923/24, when the meetings of Chinese R.C. and their friendly rivals, Indian R.C., always provided first-class tennis after the best holiday fashion.

League tennis in those days was confined to just the "A" and "B" Divisions, and because the programme was not so bulky, matches were played on Saturdays. I suppose that was one reason why more people went to the matches. The system of scoring was quite different too, each pair having to meet the three opposing ones in "best-of-11-games" matches, the side

scoring the most games at the end of the day claiming the points.

Standard Higher

But I am drifting from my subject. So, reverting to the question of champions of yesterday and to-day, I will risk treading on somebody's corns by saying that, although the standard of tennis to-day is definitely higher than it was say twenty years ago, there is something that we had in the old days that is missing now. I don't quite know what it is, but it is missing all the same. Maybe it was the informality about the whole thing that was so attractive. People went on to the courts then with a casualness that made tennis more entertaining.

And this, let me hasten to add, is no slur on our present-day players. Insofar as sportsmanship is concerned, there has never been any deterioration. Indeed, this very essential part of any player's make-up has improved, if anything, with time, but it seems to me that games are taken all too seriously, and I am sure it will be generally agreed that an over-dose of seriousness in any sport detracts from its drawing powers—just as much as too much frivolity.

FAMOUS RACEHORSE RETIRE

Bimelech—"The Mighty Bimelech" as he had been termed—is to be retired. This famous American racehorse proved a great money maker and yet may best be remembered for two big failures.

In the Kentucky Derby last year he was one of the hottest favourites in the history of that event, starting at 2 to 1 on; yet he was beaten by two lengths by a 25 to 1 chance. Gallahadion. Then in the \$10,000 Widener Cup race at Miami last March he again started an odds on favourite but was beaten into fourth place.

Despite those set-backs Bimelech was a wonderful horse. He was adjudged the best three-year-old last year and is estimated to have won more than \$60,000 for his owner, Col. E. R. Bradley.

C.P.A. Aquatic Gala

The Chinese Pressmen's Association will hold their third annual aquatic meeting at Chinese Bathing Club on Sunday, August 17, commencing at 2 p.m.

Following is the programme:—Cross-Harbour Race. 50 Metres free-style. Men's 200 Metres Relay (Open to the Colony). Ladies' 200 Metres Relay (Open to the Colony). 50 Metres back-stroke. 200 Metres breast-stroke. 100 Metres Medley Race. One Mile Sampan Race. Throwing the Water-polo ball.

S.C.A.A. GALA TO-NIGHT

South China Athletic Association are holding their second swimming gala of the season to-night at their pavilion, North Point, commencing at 7.30. Following is the programme.

Men's 50 Metres free-style. Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke. Ladies' 100 Metres free-style. Men's 50 Metres breast-stroke. 50 Metres handicap (training class). Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke (handicap) 50 Metres blind-fold race. Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke (handicap), diving and water-polo (South China v Chinese Bathing Club).

AQUATIC TRIALS AT V.R.C.

Swimming trials to aid the selection of the team to represent Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. in the charity gala on Saturday next against Combined Chinese will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at V.R.C.

BASEBALL

(Continued from Page 14) arbitrator who calls a doubtful pitch with which the grandstand jury does not agree.

When it is realised that a plate umpire has to make about 200 decisions an afternoon, perhaps his unpleasant task will be viewed in another light.

Sponsored by Hong Kong Model Plane Association, the first Model Planes Exhibition in Hong Kong has been arranged to take place on Thursday, August 14. Entries must be in before August 10, and planes sent to the Association before August 13.

Because of the tension in the Far East, the Chinese soccer team now in Australia will leave for Hong Kong after playing the last Test.—Reuter. The last Test was played on Saturday and resulted in a win for Australia.



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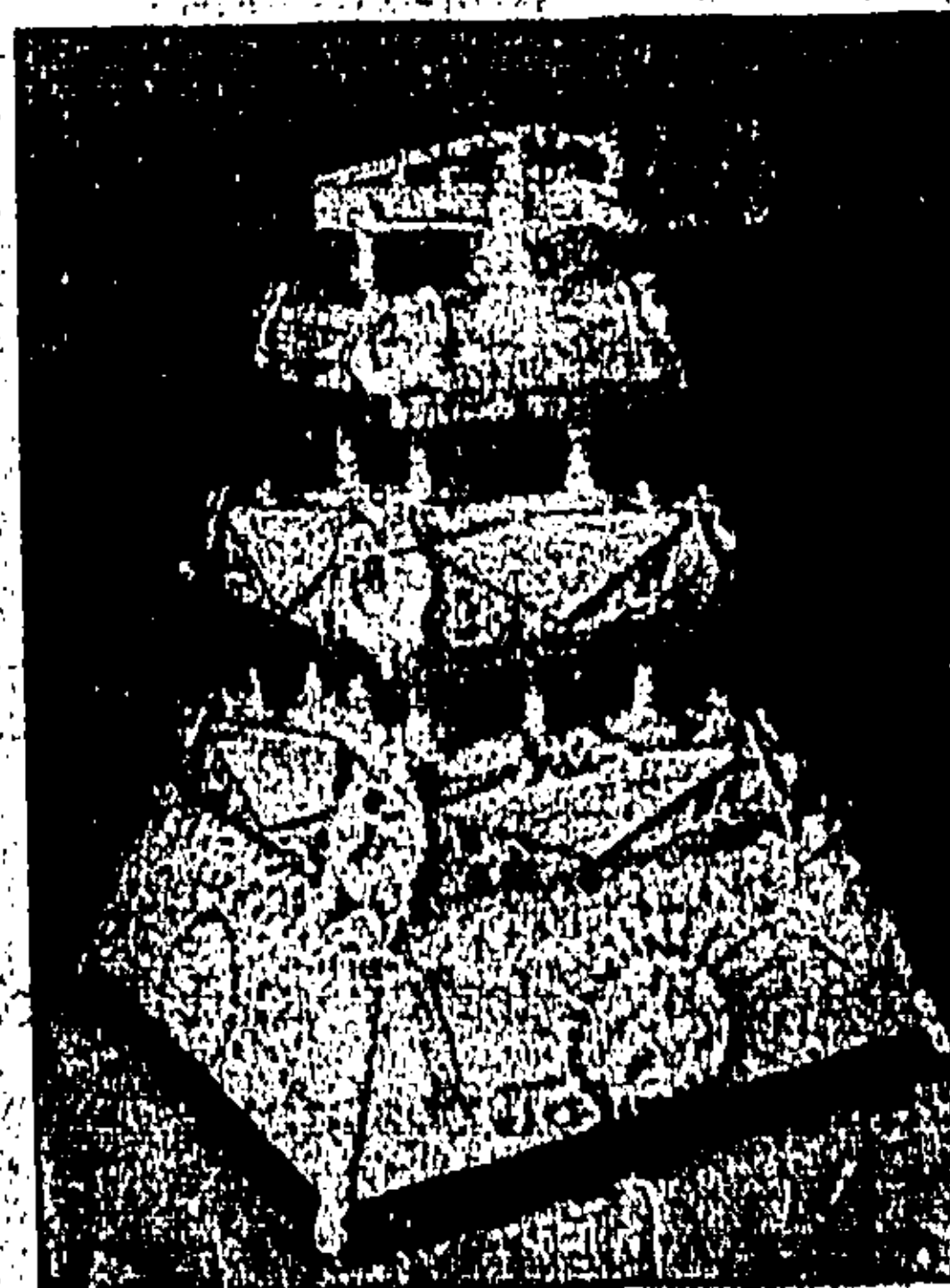
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An official communique issued in Cairo states: "Air raid alarms were sounded last (Sunday) evening by the Governorates and several provinces of Egypt. Bombs were dropped in the Suez Canal area, causing the death of seventeen people and injuring 58. Slight damage was done to property." — British Wireless.

UNSUBTLE PIECE OF PROPAGANDA

Asserting that the evacuation of men unfit for work, and of mothers and children from Moscow, has begun, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the Russians have profited from the experiences of the French campaign and have strictly forbidden refugees from using the railways or the main roads in order not to impede military movements. — Reuter.

Sydney Speech By Minister Of War

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian Minister for War, in a speech in Sydney yesterday, said that Australia was looking at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes.

"Our most earnest endeavour is to preserve peace in the Pacific, but we are not prepared to give up, at the gunpoint, the interests and imperial possessions which is our joint responsibility to guard, nor see them whittled away by stealthy encroachment and infiltration.

"Indo-China, Malaya and Thailand are as close neighbours to Australia as to Japan. We look with misgiving on the arrival of Japanese forces in Indo-China.

"Indications are not lacking that Japan intends going even further. The talk by Japan of protection is only a cynical pretext for unblushing aggression.

"Australia, if necessary, will give ringing proof that she means to control her destiny. The ninety thousand Australian troops already abroad will be substantially increased.

"More than 160,000 have enlisted in the A.I.F., which was equivalent, on the population basis, to 3,000,000 Americans, while 250,000 militia men are maintaining home defence." — Reuter.

Britain To Buy Surplus

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. N. Fraser, has cabled to Wellington stating that the United Kingdom has agreed to buy for the duration of the war, and for a year after that, New Zealand's linen-flax crop from 25,000 acres.

Prices for 1941-42 and 1942-43 have already been agreed upon, and the prices after that will also be fixed by mutual agreement.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, described this arrangement as most satisfactory and said that the increased average would necessitate the erection of six more processing factories, sites for which have already been acquired.

Mr. Sullivan added that apart from supplying Britain with fibre, and it was less than a year since she undertook growing flax for Britain, New Zealand had supplied £35,000 worth of pedigree seed for Britain, India, Egypt and Australia, exceeding the original seed received from Britain. — Reuter.

CORDELL HULL BACK AT WORK

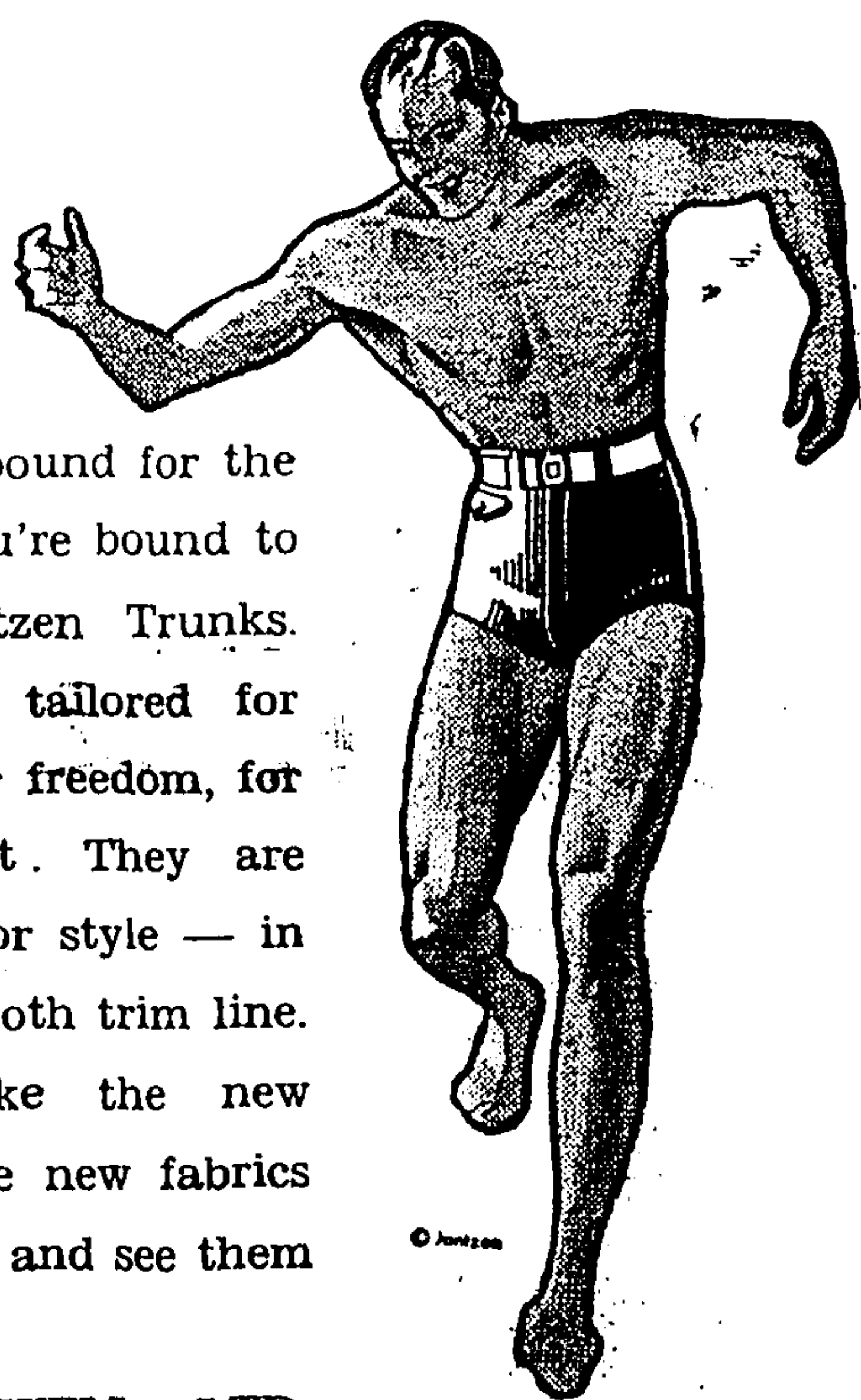
"WITH UNITY OF PURPOSE AND A MAXIMUM EFFORT. THE REMAINING FREE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WILL WIN AND THE FORCES OF EVIL WILL BE LIBERATED," SAID THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, ADDRESSING HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AFTER AN ABSENCE FROM DUTY OF NEARLY TWO MONTHS.

Mr. Hull called for ever-increasing military preparations for defence "whenever and wherever such defence can be most effective."

He added that in full effort and a mountain of production "successful resistance to the present world movement of invasion and destruction can be made and, in my judgment, will be made." — Reuter.

COURTESY CALL

Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, yesterday paid a courtesy visit to General Barron at Algéiras, who was recently appointed to command in the area contiguous to Gibraltar. — Reuter.



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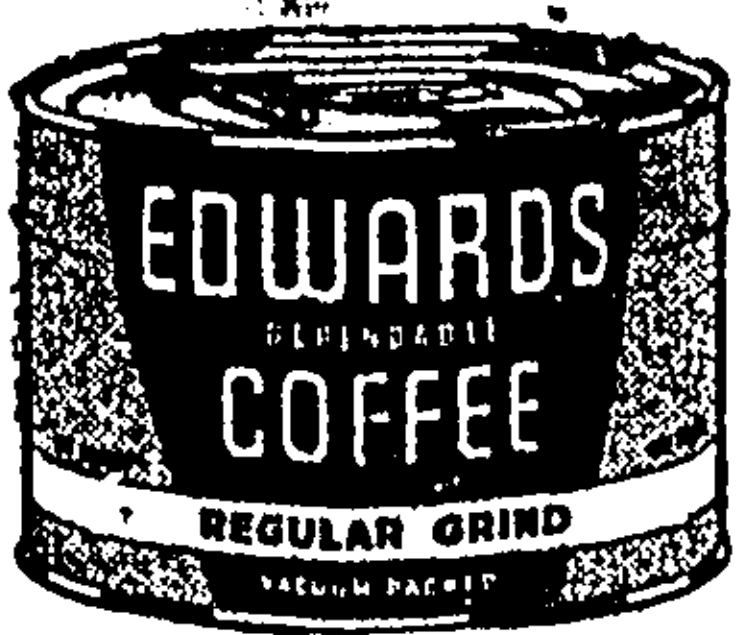
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Calm View On Far East Crisis

NON-STOP ASSAULT BY R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Royal Air Force fighter and bomber squadrons are keeping up a new non-stop offensive of spreading magnitude, hammering at Nazi aerodromes, communications and Nazi-controlled factories in Northern France.

Heavy bombers, escorted by droves of fighters, attacked across the Channel for nearly 24 hours starting at midnight yesterday.

Huge flashes of explosions were to be seen during the night from the English coast and the bombardment gradually spread towards Boulogne in a methodical blitz which did enormous damage.

Other British formations flew more deeply inland, continuing their disruption of the Nazi war machine organisation in Northern France and keeping them on the jump.

Officially, the daylight attacks alone were described as the biggest daylight blow of the kind yet delivered. — International News Service.

Antonescu Rumour

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rumours reaching London allege that the Rumanian Dictator, General Antonescu, has resigned the command of the Rumanian forces fighting in the Ukraine because Hitler has failed to fulfil his promise to withdraw Rumanian troops from the eastern front when Bessarabia and Bukovina had been reconquered. — International News Service.

Demands On Vichy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Despite Vichy's denials regarding the alleged purpose of the visit of Count de Brinon to Vichy, the Free French News Agency reports that the Reich served new demands on Vichy, including the transfer of the French Navy, and Axis control of Dakar and Casablanca.

It is reported in New York that, with Marshal Petain and General Weygand standing firm, Vichy has rejected the German demands. — International News Service.

FIGHTING AGAIN BREAKS OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A report from Lima brings the allegation that Ecuadorian troops have broken the recently signed armistice, and that fighting has broken out all along the border. — International News Service.

Contingent On Russian War

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE STILL OPTIMISTIC REGARDING THE PROBABILITIES IN THE FAR EAST, CONTINGENT UPON EVENTS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

The view is expressed that the world may witness Japan initiating moves for rapprochement with the United States if, in September, no decisive Nazi advantage in the Russian war is apparent.

Two convictions inspire this belief. One, that Japan is not prepared to risk war with the two greatest Democracies by attempting to ensure an oil supply by a thrust at the Netherlands East Indies.

Secondly, that the United States, by a long-range blockade, can strangle a Japanese war effort. It is believed that Japan will make approaches for moderation of the embargo upon the first definite signs that the Russo-German conflict is developing into a static war of attrition. — International News Service.

Worse Than Bargain Day

THE HOARDING OF SILK STOCKINGS BY AMERICAN WOMEN INCREASES AND FIFTH AVENUE SHOPKEEPERS SUMMED UP AS "MADHOUSE" YESTERDAY'S STAMPEDE OF WOMEN ANXIOUS TO GET AS MANY PAIRS AS POSSIBLE WHILE THEY ARE STILL OBTAINABLE.

The shop scenes were extraordinary. Women were kept waiting for their turn behind red plush ropes supervised by uniformed guards, while extra counter-clerks struggled to cope with the sales which amounted to five times the normal sales capacity. — Reuter.

FALSE LULL IN FAR EAST

The absence from Tokyo yesterday of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and of Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister, together with the return of Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, in a cheerful mood, possibly indicates that nothing serious is coming in the Far East immediately.

At the same time, says Reuter's Tokyo correspondent, it is obvious that Japan is stalling for time to complete their domestic preparations.

The quietude of the last few days has been given an ominous tone by the continued Press hostility to the Democracies and the almost frenzied invocation of the national general mobilisation law in hitherto untouched fields. The "Yomiuri Shimbun" to-day notes the assertion of Colonel Knox that Japan has oil stocks to last eighteen months of warfare and reports: "So What?"

The paper adds the allegation that Chungking has access to the vast but unpublished petrol resources of Burma. — Reuter.

GERMAN THRUST AGAINST KIEV COUNTERED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

RUSSIAN INFANTRY and tank formations, launching determined counter-attacks in the fight to save Kiev, have stemmed the colossal double-pronged Nazi drive in the Ukraine, according to Moscow official sources.

In the last 48 hours, the Germans have concentrated the main weight of their attack in the Ukraine sector, in the hope of making the fall of Kiev the much-needed Sunday stimulus to waning German morale.

The Smolensk sector has been comparatively quiet, though heavy localised fighting continues, and an offensive of secondary importance has been launched by the Germans from Estonia towards Leningrad to the north of Lake Peipus.

The German official communiqué on the Estonia fighting admits "savage" Russian counter-attacks, though it is claimed that they were repulsed, and that a Nazi tank division is holding its positions. The Germans claim to be cleaning up pockets of Russian resistance in the rear of the advanced German positions.

Kiev Victory

In the Kiev sector, the Germans claim that the city is threatened by imminent encirclement, while Moscow says that large Russian tank formations struck a heavy blow at the German flanks, destroying two regiments of crack motorised infantry.

The victorious Red Army threw the shattered German spearhead into panicky confusion, and an enormous quantity of arms and ammunition was captured. — International News Service.



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Hong Kong's Attitude Of "It Can't Happen Here"

Head In Sand, Says U.S. Journalist

A SUGGESTION that a large section of Hong Kong's civilian element was guilty of ostrich-ism, and adopting an attitude of "It Can't Happen Here" with regard to the crisis in the Far East, was made by Mr. Harrison Forman, ace correspondent and cameraman, in a broadcast from Hong Kong to the United States yesterday.

Mr. Forman revealed at the same time, however, that the authorities were taking a much more realistic view of the situation. Following is the text of the broadcast:—

N.E.I. Licence Approval

The Netherlands East Indies authorities have agreed to extend export licences to Japan such as oil, rubber and tin, payment arrangements for which had been settled prior to the N.E.I.'s action in freezing Japanese assets, says a Japanese report.

Japanese residents in the Netherlands East Indies who are affected by the freezing order, are reported as being allowed to withdraw part of their accounts to cover payments of salaries, telegram fees and rentals upon presentation of detailed claims to their banks.—Reuter.

GALLUP POLL ON FAR EAST

According to a Gallup poll published yesterday, on a survey asking the question, "Should the United States take steps now to keep Japan from becoming more powerful even if this means risking war with Japan?" the result was 51 per cent. in favour, 31 per cent. opposed and 18 per cent. undecided.

Dr. Gallup said that if only those with definite opinions were considered, the survey meant that 60 per cent. would be willing to risk war with Japan in an effort to defend the United States' interests in the Pacific while 38 per cent. would not go so far. Several months ago only 40 per cent. were willing to risk war, indicating a sharp increase.

The poll also showed that 60 per cent. of voters think that Japan's occupation of Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies would be a definite threat to American security, 20 per cent. think not and 20 per cent. are undecided.—Central News.

GERMAN STEAMER INTERCEPTED

An Admiralty communique states: "The German s.s. Frankfurt (5,529 tons) has been intercepted by our patrols while attempting to run the blockade."—British Wireless.

"Hello N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hong Kong, China; on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly eight-seventeen in the morning here—Monday morning.

"In some respects civilian Hong Kong reminds me of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, repeating to itself: 'It can't happen here!' The new tension in the Pacific which has arisen this past week or so doesn't seem to worry the folk very much. 'Just another one of those crises,' they say. 'It'll blow over—as the others have done before.' There are no visible signs of panic, no rush for steamer passage, on the part of either Europeans, or Japanese here. Though I did see a few Japanese the other day buying suitcases and trunks.

Husbands' Complaints

"As a matter of fact, husbands are still agitating to get the Government to allow them to bring their wives and kids back to Hong Kong—crisis or no crisis. You may remember, perhaps, that during a similar crisis a little over a year ago, the Government evacuated about ninety per cent. of the European women and children from Hong Kong, most of whom were sent all the way to Australia.

"The Powers-that-Be in Hong Kong, however, are no ostriches. There is clear evidence on every hand that they mean business—that they mean to defend this place from attack. And it'll not be merely a token defence either. For Hong Kong fairly bristles with big guns, anti-aircraft, powerful searchlights, barbed wire and camouflage. And plenty of troops, too. The harbour is well mined, and a constant air and sea patrol is maintained for many miles out to sea.

Air Precautions

"Though there is no naval or air force here, to speak of, the Japanese can never be too sure but what a British air force, or even a fleet, would not suddenly make their appearance. Unquestionably, an attack on Britain out here would result in an immediate British military alliance with China—with cooperative action.

"Meanwhile, for immediate protection of Hong Kong's million and a half civilians from an air blitz, the hills upon which the city is built have been literally honeycombed with an elaborate system of tunnels drilled deep into the solid rock, with entrances opening right off the streets. Drilled under the direction of a firm of American mining engineers, these tunnel-shelters vary in capacity from a thousand to one accommodating over thirty thousand people.

"I now return you to NBC, San Francisco."

PILGRIMAGE TO WAILING WALL

A record pilgrimage estimated at well over 25,000 persons visited the historic Wailing Wall in Jerusalem during Saturday and Sunday in observance of the anniversary of the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70.—Reuter.

LANDSLIDE CLOSES ROAD

THE JUNCTION OF WYNDHAM STREET AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO WEST AND EAST BOUND TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Alternative routes to Central Police Station and Hollywood Road are by way of Arbutnot Road and Wellington Street.

This has been necessitated by a landslide which occurred at the junction of Wyndham Street and Lower Albert Road yesterday.

SCORES OF BOMBS DROPPED ON GUNS AT TOBRUK

SCORES OF BOMBS were seen to fall on the enemy gun positions in the Tobruk area, when squadrons of the South African Air Force delivered a heavy attack on Sunday.

The attack was made simultaneously with the increased activity of British ground forces at Tobruk and along the frontier zone.

The South African airmen were flying Maryland bombers, states the communique from R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, and the effect was devastating.

Meantime, R.A.F. and South African fighter pilots carried out offensive patrols over enemy-occupied areas.

During Saturday night, a large formation of R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked the harbour at Benghazi. In addition to causing a large number of fires, a direct hit was scored on an enemy anti-aircraft gun battery. Some of these aircraft also machine-gunned anti-aircraft guns and searchlights at Berka aerodrome from a low altitude.

During the same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the aerodrome at Gambut and on the previous day, R.A.F. bombers attacked Misurata, where they demolished a blockhouse with a direct hit and also severely damaged barracks buildings.

Fighters Destroyed

The R.A.F. carried out a successful attack on a number of Italian fighters on the ground at Reggio in Italy on Sunday. Fragments of aircraft were seen flying into the air as a result of the attack and it is known that a large number of Macchi 200s were destroyed. From all these operations, says the communique, all aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Offensive Patrols

A communique issued at British G.H.Q. Cairo, states: "Our offensive patrols from Tobruk have continued their aggressive activity. Although valuable work has been done in locating and destroying hostile minefields, the enemy has apparently refused contact by withdrawing from forward positions under the cover of darkness.

In the frontier area, patrols from our mechanised units have again harassed the enemy, particularly by artillery fire."—British Wireless.

MALAYA TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOUR QUASHED

It was stated in London last night that there is no truth in the rumour that Britain has sent 100,000 troops to the borders of Thailand.

The dispositions of the British troops in Malaya are purely defensive and no move of the magnitude indicated has taken place.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING EXPECTS SHOWDOWN

With Germany bogged in Russia, it is believed in many quarters in Chungking that Britain and the United States may turn their full attention to the Far East.

These quarters point to the many indications that a showdown is being forced with Japan, such as the freezing of Japanese assets, the abrogation of commercial agreements, further American oil restrictions, the arrival of large British forces in Malaya and Burma, and the strengthening of the American defences in the Philippines.

IF THIS SHOWDOWN SHOULD COME IN THE PACIFIC, COMPETENT CHINESE OBSERVERS PREDICT THAT THE OUTCOME IS LIKELY TO BE DETERMINED WITHIN A YEAR.

Meanwhile, the Chinese military position has been greatly strengthened with the continual arrival of American and Soviet supplies.

While official quarters decline to make any comment, it is learned from well-informed sources that not only American aircraft and volunteer pilots, but also Soviet artillery, aircraft and volunteer pilots are arriving in China in large numbers.—Reuter.

FRENCHMAN'S ESCAPE FROM NAZI SLAVERY

A FLAGRANT EXAMPLE of the recruitment of Nazi slave labour is revealed in a story—recounted by Henry Stone of the "News-Chronicle,"—of a young French mechanic, who has now escaped to Britain.

He was employed in a factory in Occupied France when a Nazi boss walked in one day and told him he would have to go and make a stay of a few months in a factory in Germany.

Escape

The young Frenchman told Stone how he got fed up with it after a few weeks and having heard that others had managed to escape, made careful enquiries and with some friends, got away among some huge crates loaded in a railway wagon destined for France.

"I cannot tell you where we got out. I called on a friend who gave me money and clothes and I eventually landed in Paris.

"After two days, I left again and after many exciting adventures, including 60 hours at sea with fifteen other young French patriots in a sailing-boat, we arrived at a British port."—Special.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

Public traffic services, buses and trams, in the French Concession, Shanghai, were brought to a stop yesterday by a general walk-out of drivers and conductors.

Negotiations are proceeding and it is anticipated that an early settlement will be reached.—Our Own Correspondent.

PAUSE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Soviet Review Of Developments

GERMANS MAKE VIRTUE OUT OF NECESSITY

ASSERTING THAT GERMANY THREW IN FORCES TWO TO THREE TIMES STRONGER NUMERICALLY THAN THE RED ARMY UNITS STATIONED ALONG THE FRONTIER, THE MOSCOW NEWSPAPER "PRAVDA" COMPUTES THAT THE GERMANS USED THIRTY DIVISIONS, ROUGHLY 500,000 MEN, TEN THOUSAND FIRST-LINE AIRCRAFT, AND 15,000 TANKS.

Thanks to the stubbornness of Soviet resistance, says the paper, the first Nazi tales of stunning German victories have been replaced by the argument that the seizure of territory takes second place to annihilation.

"Pravda" says that the first German miscalculation was their failure to destroy the Red Air Force and the panzer blows failed to achieve their objective.

The tremendous losses suffered by the Germans since the two armies became fully engaged in mass, are sapping German morale and instead of an eastern parade, they are meeting death and destruction.

It is too early, says the paper, to speak of final results and of the fierce struggles ahead, but Russian resistance and counter-blows are daily becoming stronger.

German Claims

Reports reaching Stockholm from German sources on the Russian war continue to announce the destruction of Russian pockets of resistance on the two main fronts of Smolensk and Kiev, while it is claimed that the advance to the east is being remorselessly continued at various speeds.

The impression aimed at by German propagandists is that the Germans are staying where they arrive, or are advancing but are never forced back.

It is now claimed that the necessity of dealing with the Russian pockets, while slowing up the advance, has also given time for slower moving units to catch up.

Exhausted Troops

The military correspondent of the "Demokraten" considers that the Germans have now completed arrangements in the rear sectors for the relief of exhausted troops and the reorganisation of harried units, and for the overhaul of mechanical material and the bringing up of fresh units ready to renew the offensive, but admits that, "despite attacks on their communications," the Russians have also benefited by the pause.

The same newspaper's Berlin correspondent reports a German claim that the fresh Russian troops are of an inferior quality to those at first engaged.

The military expert expects that fresh large-scale German attacks will shortly be chiefly launched against Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Finnish Front

On the Finnish front, say Stockholm observers, the Finns are still attempting to press through the isthmus connecting Lake Ladoga and Onega, which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

Any Finnish advance here could bring pressure on Leningrad from the east, but the intention of the Russians to hold Sordavala is shown by the fact that they have not carried out the destruction of the town.

Activity at Hangoe is still confined to artillery fire. Reports of

the constant arrival of Russians in Hangoe from Estonia suggest that the Finnish hope to starve out the Russian garrison of Hangoe is a vain one.—Reuter.

Kiev Thrust Smashed

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Russians claim that German crack regiments were destroyed in Soviet counter-attacks in the Kiev sector which have stemmed the colossal Nazi double-pronged drive threatening Kiev with encirclement. — International News Service.

Tanks Routed

In the addition to the statement already given of the general position in the Russian fighting with the Germans, the latest Russian communique says: "Large enemy tank formations attempted five times to attack our fortifications in the vicinity of the city of 'K' in the south-western sector.

"After the enemy had run short of fuel and several tanks had been destroyed, our forces went into counter-attacks and a fierce battle ensued in which 300 tanks and armoured cars took part on both sides. After one of the tank units had been put out of action, our tank formations penetrated into the enemy lines. In all the enemy lost 100 tanks and armoured cars, 45 guns, 30 motor vehicles and at least a thousand Fascist soldiers and officers were killed."—British Wireless.

Finnish Report

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The "Aftonbladet" of Stockholm reports from Finnish sources that 900 Russian soldiers were killed in an unsuccessful attempt to force a landing on the north shore of Lake Ladoga.—International News Service.

BURGLARIES AT REPULSE BAY

AS A SEQUEL TO ROBBERIES AT NO. 37, REPULSE BAY ROAD, RESIDENCE OF THE HON. MR. A. L. SHIELDS, AND AT NO. 12, SOUTH BAY ROAD, HOME OF MR. R. D. GILLESPIE, LI PING, 30, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WITH BURGLARY.

A 19-year-old, Yeung, Man-kwong, and Tam Mul, 32, widow, were charged with receiving.

It was alleged that first accused was responsible for the theft of silverware and other articles valued at \$1,958 from Mr. Shields' residence, and of \$1,048 worth of silverware and jewellery from Mr. Gillespie's residence.

At the request of Detective Sergeant J. Bentley, the case was adjourned for 48 hours.

RUSSIANS HOLD AT KEY TOWN

Heavy fighting is continuing round Sortavala, on the northern tip of Lake Ladoga, which the Russians continue to hold against all attacks, according to Helsinki reports received in Vichy last night.

Soviet tanks are counter-attacking. The garrison of this strong point on the flank of the Finnish drives on both sides of Lake Ladoga, is said to have been strongly reinforced.

Sortavala is the centre of a great network of fortifications built by the Russians in the territory ceded by Finland last year.

The broken nature of the terrain favours the defence which is well-equipped with artillery.—Reuter.

SENTENCE PASSED

Pleading guilty to assaulting Chan Lam-pui in Canton Road on July 26, Joseph Gonzalez, 20, of Batavia, was sentenced to one month's hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

It was stated that accused was given \$500 by his mother in Batavia some six months ago to come here to study Chinese, and had spent all the money. He was now stranded in Hong Kong, where he had no relatives or friends.

SPEEDING IN CONTROLLED AREA

At the instance of Mr. M. H. Hourihan, Chief Inspector (Kowloon), Chau So-kau was fined \$20 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for speeding in the Nathan Road controlled area on July 14.

Chief Inspector Hourihan stated that at 6 p.m. on July 14 he saw defendant driving car, No. 6608, into the controlled area at about 30 m.p.h. He followed him as far as Nanking Street where defendant turned and stopped.

UNSUBTLE PIECE OF PROPAGANDA

Asserting that the evacuation of men unfit for work, and of mothers and children from Moscow, has begun, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the Russians have profited from the experiences of the French campaign and have strictly forbidden refugees from using the railways or the main roads in order not to impede military movements.—Reuter.

ALL PRACTICAL AID PROMISED

A message from Washington states that the United States has promised all practical economic help to Russia.—Reuter.

FINLAND DECLARED AN ENEMY

Finland has been declared an enemy country by the New Zealand Government for the purpose of the enemy property and trading with the enemy regulations.

This brings New Zealand into line with other Empire countries who have already taken such action.

Sir Frederick Stewart, Australia's Minister of Internal Affairs, has announced that arrangements have been made for the departure of the Finnish Consul-General in Sydney.

Finnish interests in Australia will be protected by the Consul-General for Sweden.—Reuter.

CORDELL HULL BACK AT WORK

"WITH UNITY OF PURPOSE AND A MAXIMUM EFFORT, THE REMAINING FREE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WILL WIN AND THE FORCES OF EVIL WILL BE LIBERATED," SAID THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, ADDRESSING HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AFTER AN ABSENCE FROM DUTY OF NEARLY TWO MONTHS.

Mr. Hull called for ever-increasing military preparations for defence "whenever and wherever such defence can be most effective."

He added that in full effort and a mountain of production "successful resistance to the present world movement of invasion and destruction can be made and, in my judgment, will be made."—Reuter.

COURTESY CALL

Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, yesterday paid a courtesy visit to General Barron at Algeiras, who was recently appointed to command in the area contiguous to Gibraltar.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S FORMIDABLE NEW FIGHTER

FOUR CANNON GUNS AND SIX MACHINE-GUNS COMPRISE THE ARMAMENT OF ONE OF BRITAIN'S LATEST LONG RANGE DAY AND NIGHT FIGHTERS—BRISTOL BEAUFIGHTERS—DETAILS OF WHICH ARE RELEASED. THIS IS THE MOST FORMIDABLE FIRE POWER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN FITTED TO ANY WAR PLANE.

German blitz bombers hit by these cannons fitted in the fuselage and the machine-guns in the wings have exploded and disintegrated.

ONIONS PULL IN £34,000

A small basket of onions raised £34,383 for London's War Weapons Week at the Stock Exchange.

The onions were auctioned under the condition that each bidder would honour his bid by buying an equivalent amount of defence securities. The bids totalled up to £24,383. It was announced in Parliament that at the closing of banking hours £37,750,000 had been raised in London.

The spirit behind the campaign was exemplified by a woman of 74 who gave to the nation a bundle of one hundred £1 notes it had taken her sixty years to save.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, acting general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, announced that the general executive council of the union had decided in connection with London War Weapons Week, to take up £60,000 of

With a nominal top speed of 350 Beau-fighter, carrying a pilot and an observer has a range of 1,500 miles—again a nominal figure.

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The fuel is carried in four self-sealing tanks with the total capacity of 55 gallons each.

The appointment of the Beau-fighter is exceptionally complete. It includes oxygen apparatus and carbine heating system for the relief of the crew in cold atmospheres.

At the same time, provision is made for carrying four gallon water tanks for desert use.

The maximum speed and range of this "exceptionally powerfully armed" long range fighter is not given. So far its uses as a day fighter have not been made known.—Reuter.

savings bonds. The Pearl Assurance Company, Ltd., has now subscribed £10,704,300 for London and provincial War Weapons Weeks and in 2½ per cent War Bonds. In addition, 3 per cent Savings Bonds are to be taken up.

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GERMAN INTRIGUE IN SOUTH AMERICA EXPOSED

THE CONTINENT of South America has figured largely in the news during the past fortnight, when from the United States border to Tierra del Fuego, have come reports of abortive Nazi intrigues to dictate policy to the high-spirited Latin-American nations.

It began with the circumstantial details of a Nazi putsch which was to have been carried out in Bolivia. This was revealed in a letter by Major Elias Belteont, Bolivian Military Attache in Berlin, and a would-be Quisling, to Ernst Wendler, German Minister in Lapaz, who wrote "my friends in the Wilhelmstrasse tell me that information received from you shows that the moment is approaching for the liberation of my poor country from its weak Government, and its entirely capitalistic tendencies."

This and other documents were published by the Bolivian President to justify the expulsion of the German Minister and the arrest of several notorious sympathisers.

The German Government, retorted by ordering the Bolivian Charge d'Affaires, Senor Alfred Flores, to leave the Reich within 72 hours.

Although complete evidence was discovered of Germany's conspiracy to overthrow the existing Bolivian Government and the Constitution, Bolivia has so far refrained from breaking off diplomatic relations.

The publication of the United States "black-list" of South American firms gave Germany another opportunity to take to forming anti-United States feeling in Latin America. The German note to Mexico actually insisted that the Mexican Government should protest against the black-list. Mexico made a spirited reply, telling the Reich government in almost so many words to mind their own business.

Mexican Reply

The Mexican reply tartly says "Mexico is capable of taking care of her own sovereignty and freedom of trade without any prompting from foreign powers."

The German Note intimated that the Mexican attitude on the question of the black-list would determine the German attitude towards Mexican trade after the war. The Mexican Note described this threat as "pressure in open contradiction with the spirit of mutual respect governing the foreign relations of the Mexican Republic."

The opportunity was taken to proclaim, without any ambiguity, the Mexican Government's adherence to the "principle of inter-American cooperation." This affair was followed by a public demand in Mexico for the expulsion of the German Minister and other Nazi agents.

Intolerable Insult

The Mexican Trade Union Congress passed a resolution declaring the German step as "an intolerable insult to the country." Feeling against Nazi interference with Latin-American sovereignty is running equally high in Chile and the Argentine.

IN ARGENTINA, POLICE RAIDS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE GERMAN EMBASSY AND VARIOUS GERMAN CONTROLLED INSTITUTIONS, AND A STRONG CONGRESS COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING NAZI ACTIVITIES.

Argentine authorities found a secret code message proving that Nazi agents fomented the recent Peru-Ecuador frontier battles.

Code Message

The code message was found inside a short-wave radio set seized by the investigating committee's chairman, Raul Damonte Taborda, on its smuggled return from Peru where it was refused entry.

The message ordered all Nazi agents in Peru and Bolivia to follow all instructions issued by the four Nazi envoys in South America at their last meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Deep satisfaction has been caused throughout South America by Argentina's firm reply to the German Minister's protest against the seizure of the shortwave wireless set and other baggage, and all the leading Argentina papers congratulate the Mexican Government on its answer to the German Note concerning the United States black list.

In Chile, public opinion is increasingly alive to the dangers of Nazi infiltration, and the police have recently made many searches.

IL DUCE ON BATTLE OF GIANTS

"The struggle between Fascism and Bolshevism has at last arrived: it is an honour and a privilege for you to take part in this battle of the Giants" declared Benito Mussolini at Mantua in a farewell address to a Blackshirt Legion which is being sent to help Hitler on the Eastern Front.

Mussolini added, according to the official Italian news agency, that "for 20 years the peoples of the earth have been approaching this stern trial. Fascism or Bolshevism?"

"The struggle for which we have prepared for years has entered upon the final stage. The drama is at its fifth act. Henceforth alignment is complete."

"On the one side is Rome-Berlin-Tokyo and on the other London-Washington-Moscow."

"We shall triumph because history teaches that peoples which represent ideas of the past must give way before peoples which represent ideas of the future."

"On the Russian Front you will be fighting not only by the side of your German comrades, but also with the Finns, Magyars, Rumanians, Slovaks and volunteers from other nations."

"I am sure you will fight determinedly and strenuously. Remember that in battle he who hesitates is lost."

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FROM FREEZING

The Tokyo Finance Ministry states that whereas the Japanese Government has been informed that Japanese diplomatic and consular services in Britain and Australia have been exempted from the assets freezing regulations, the same consideration will be extended by Japan to British and Australians, effective from to-day.—Reuter.

BUS COMPANY FINED

Mr. William S. T. Louey, manager of Kowloon Motorbus Company, Ltd., was fined \$50 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to maintain the Company's Route No. 9 in service in accordance with schedule.

The schedule provides that every 12 minutes there should be a bus leaving the Vehicular Ferry Wharf in Jordan Road, but, according to the summons, no bus left between 9.36 a.m. and 10.07 a.m. on July 12.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks pleaded guilty to a technical offence, stating that the bus which should have left the wharf at 9.36 a.m. had engine trouble and, as a result, the subsequent bus, which was scheduled to leave at 9.48 a.m., was overcrowded.

As the result of the overcrowding the buses did not leave until 10.07 a.m. until the excess passengers had alighted.

Mr. Brooks added that his client had had considerable difficulties in getting new buses and spare parts from England, owing to the war.

The Company had only 20 buses on this route, which needed 17 buses to maintain a 12-minute service. Therefore the Company had only three spare buses to meet an emergency if regular buses were out of order.

Traffic Sub-Inspector J. Scrim stated that he arrived at Jordan Ferry wharf at 10 a.m. that day and saw two buses of Route No. 9 were very much overcrowded. He did not interfere, but kept watch.

Finally he saw the excess passengers alight from one bus, which eventually started off at 10.07 a.m.

Sub-Inspector Scrim added that, according to a European gentleman, no buses of Route No. 9 had left the wharf between 9.32 a.m. and 10.07 a.m.

ITALY CENSORS VATICAN

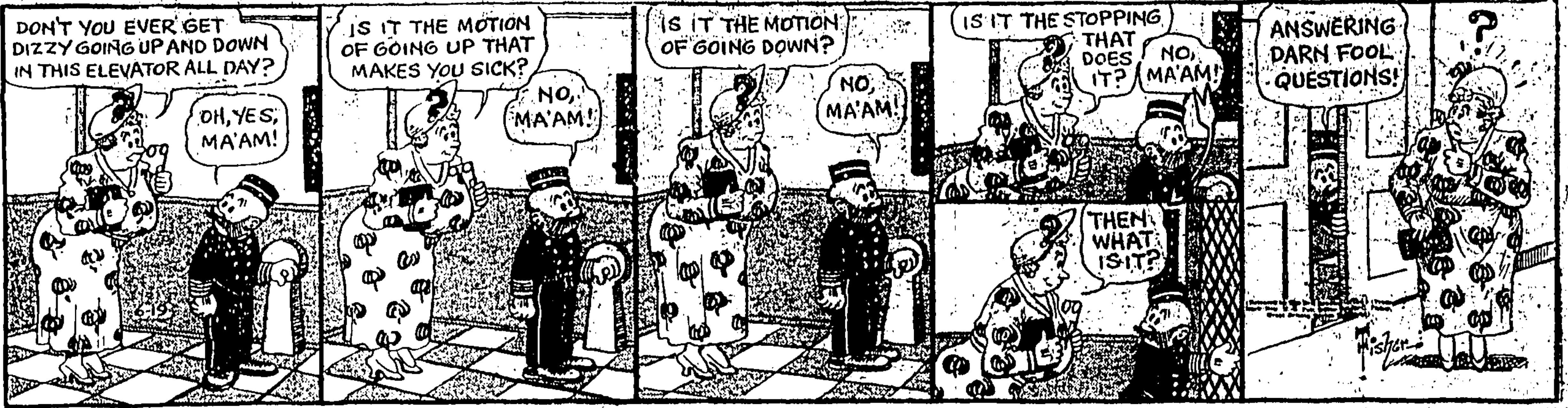
The Italian military censorship now applies to letters and telephone calls from Vatican City.

HE GETS ROOBY PRIZE

General Garibaldi, commander of the Italian forces in North Africa, has been awarded the Iron Cross by Hitler.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



NANTAO ISOLATED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Six gambling dens in Nantao have been closed down on orders from Nan-king's new Pacification Headquarters.

Nantao's gates are still closed pending completion of investigations by the Japanese authorities into the killing of a Japanese gendarme by an unknown Chinese terrorist.

It is believed that a census is now being taken in the old city in an effort to stamp out terrorism in the district. Chinese living in Nantao are unable to enter the International Settlement except by sampans along the Whangpoo River. — International News Service.

ARMED ROBBER SHOT BY POLICE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

An armed robber was shot in the leg yesterday by the police after stealing \$4,000 in gold watches from a shop in Bubbling Well Road.

The shop assistants raised an alarm after he had run out and constables pursuing the fleeing bandit, brought him down with a shot. — International News Service.

AS THE TRUTH PENETRATES INTO GERMANY

BROADCASTING last night on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the invasion of Belgium by Germany, the Belgian Finance Minister said:

"The Germans are a strange people. They are apt to believe a lot of rubbish and they do not believe what actually happens. In 1914, they never believed Great Britain would go to war. They believed still less that the United States would do the same.

That's what actually happened and that's why they lost the war.

This time, they have believed in "Mein Kampf," in Hitler's speeches about a short war, about a one-front war. They did not believe that in the air Battle of Britain they would be routed and it actually happened. They did not believe that the United States would use their unlimited material resources to help Great Britain defeat them and it actually happened.

They did not believe that Russia would put up a fight and God how she fights.

They did not believe that Berlin could be bombed better—if I may say so — than London, and that's what they are beginning to see."

Ironical Mimics

Referring to the indomitable spirit of the Belgian people, M. Gutt said: "It breathes everywhere from the King, who, as a prisoner, declines to govern under the Germans; unknown heroes sabotaging in Belgium at the risk of their lives, to the Burgo-master of Brussels who proudly refused to resign, to imps in the street who in the face of German officers sing victory songs or ironically mimic the failure of the Channel crossing.

"Their bodies are captive but their soul remains unconquerable. I have been speaking for my British friends but I feel absolutely sure of being heard by our friends in Belgium. You know that despite threats, heavy fines and imprisonment, they are among the B.B.C.'s best customers. To them I say Hold on.

"This year has been a year of miracles if you compare what has been achieved to what most of the world anticipated in August last.

Road To Victory

"We have now started on the road to victory. Nobody can name dates. But the day is no longer so far off when the Germans, realising like in 1918 their losses, their failures, their shame, will crack up all of a sudden and collapse.

"To my British friends I say, 'We thank you. We thank you for all you have been doing for us and for world freedom. We thank your sailors, soldiers and airmen who have now been joined by our sailors, our soldiers, our airmen, rallying to our colours from every part of the world.' — British Wireless.

DUKE OF KENT IN REGINA

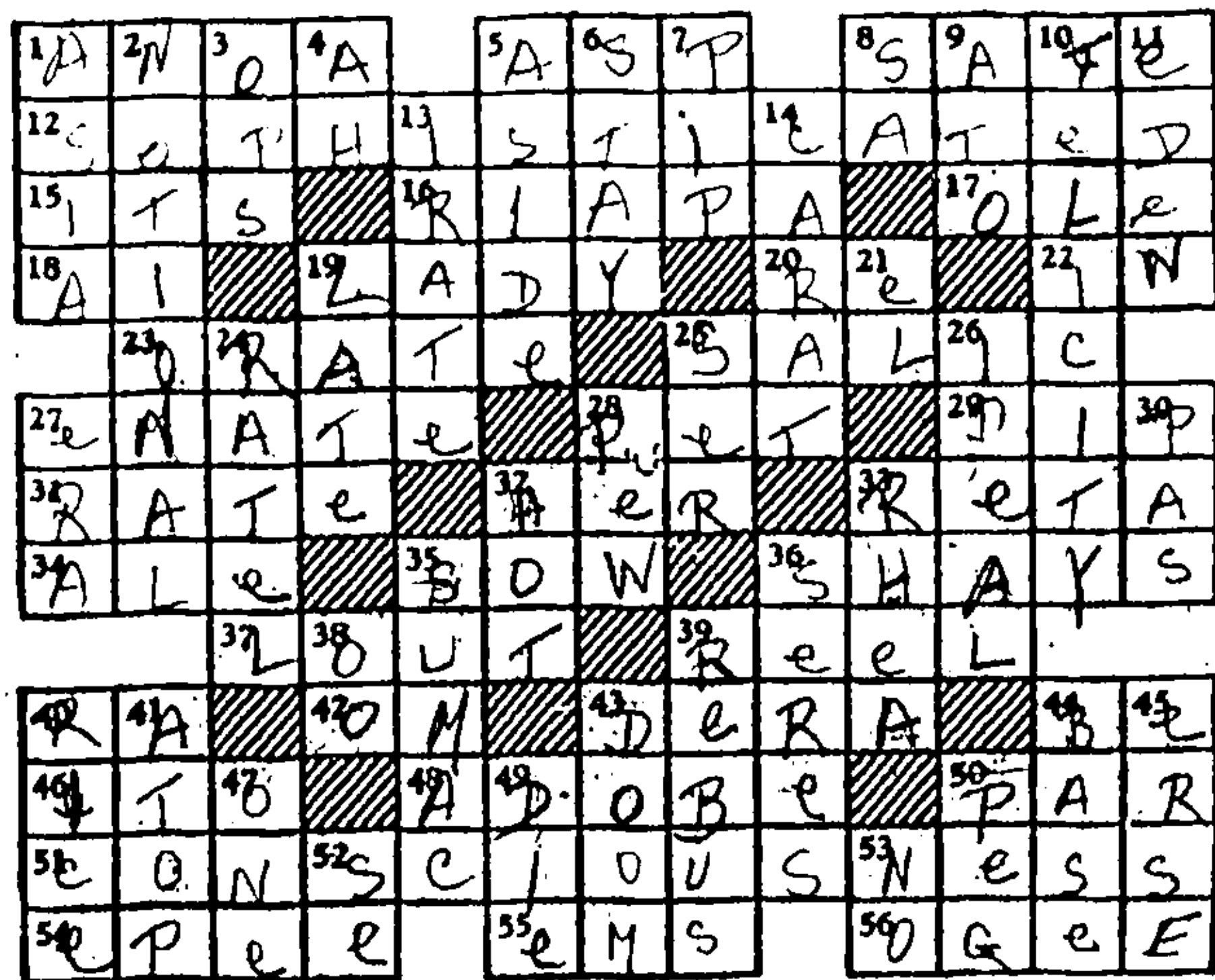
Ottawa reports state that the Duke of Kent yesterday flew from Winnipeg to Regina, Saskatchewan, to continue his tour of inspection of the schools operated under the Commonwealth air training plan. — British Wireless.

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- 22 Preposition
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- 28 Favorite
- 29 Slang: pick-pocket
- 31 Proportion
- 32 Pronoun
- 33 Network
- 34 Beverage
- 35 Swine
- 36 Two-wheeled carriages
- 37 Oaf
- 39 To stagger
- 40 Sun god
- 42 Sacred Hindu word
- 43 Egyptian length measure
- 44 To exist

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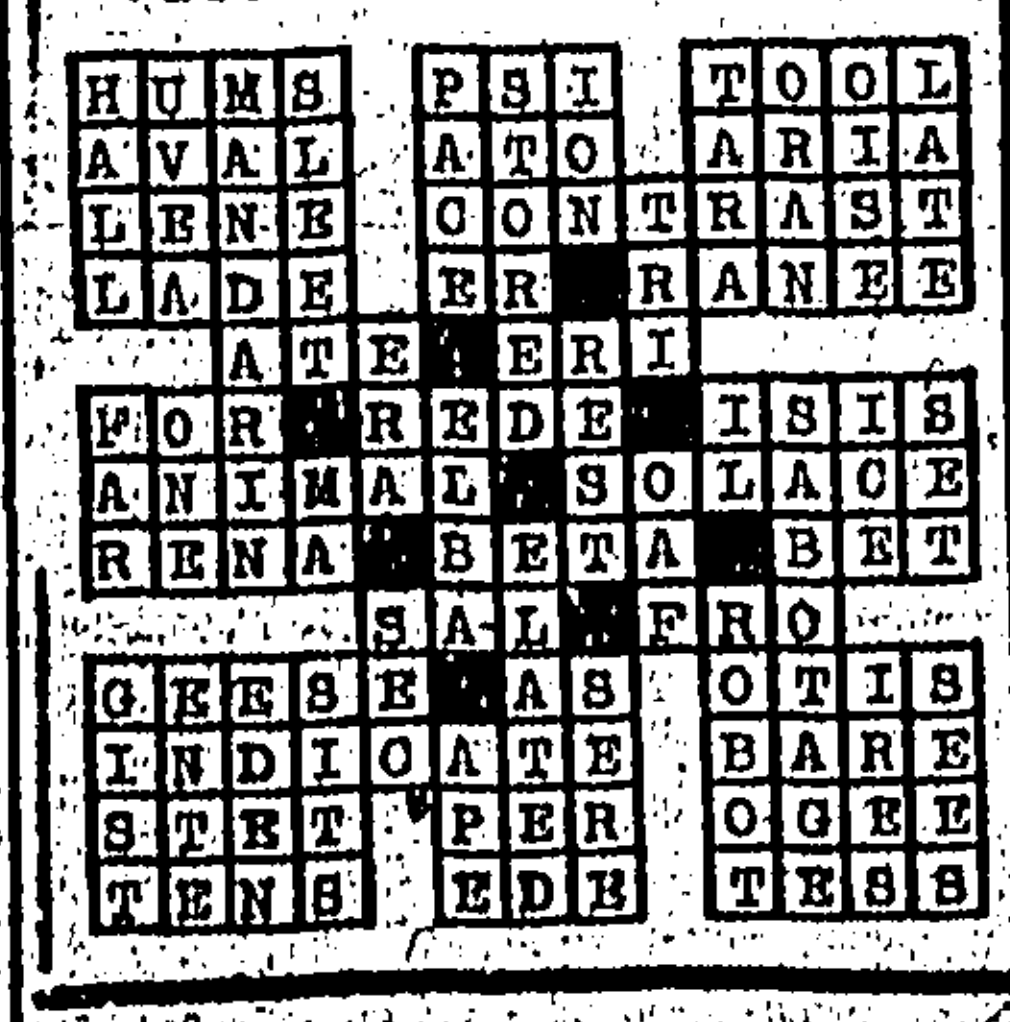
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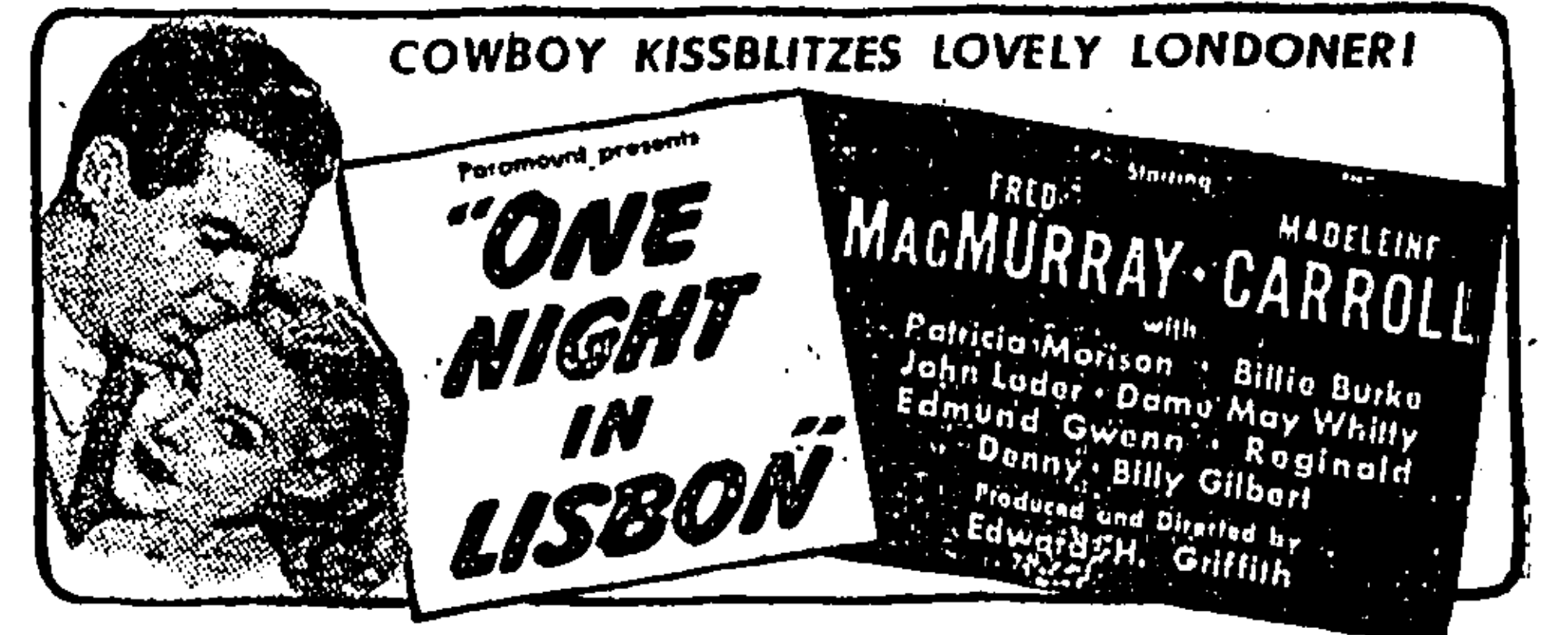
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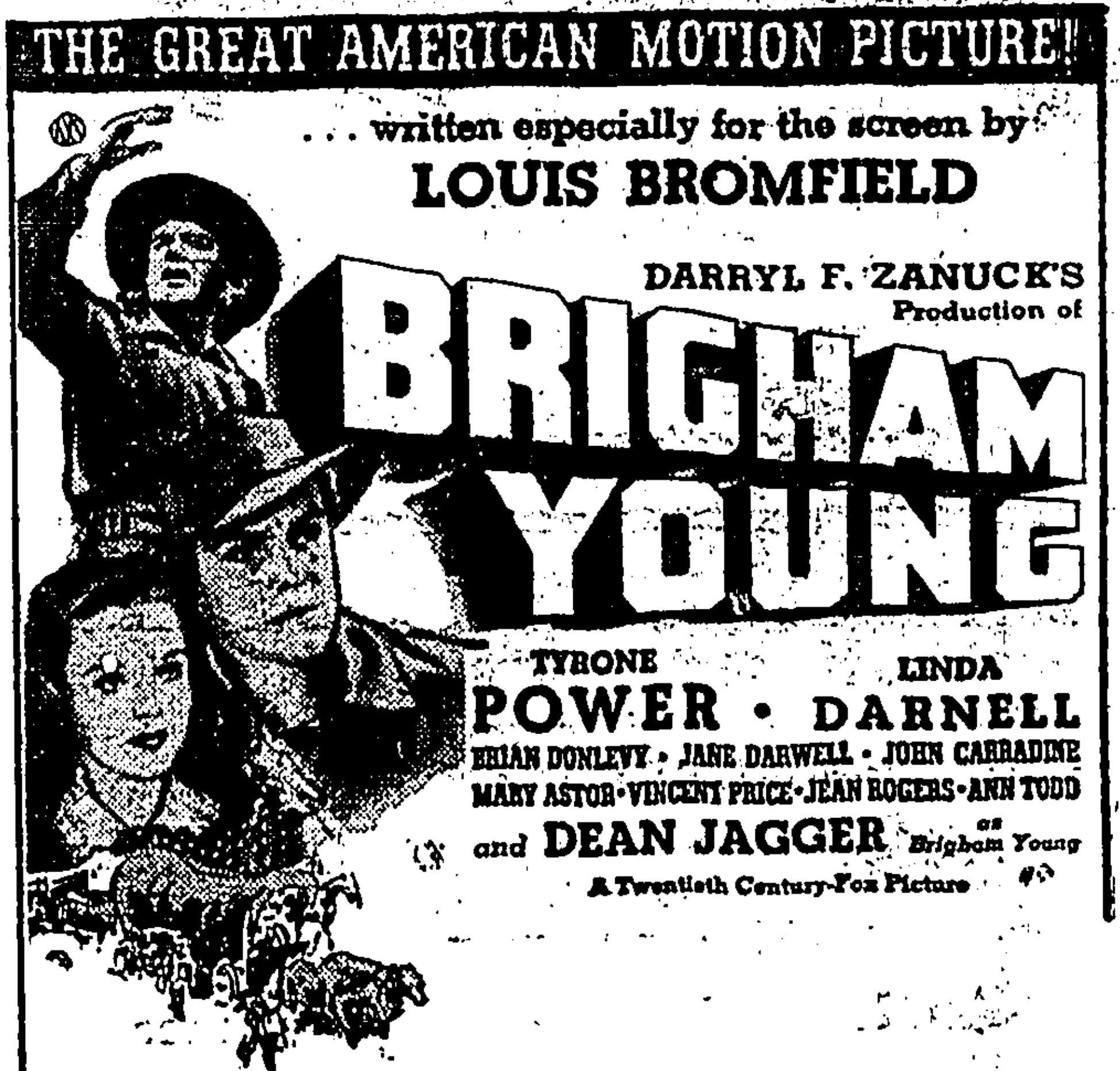
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SPEEDING UP DELIVERY TO BRITAIN

(By ANSEL E. TAIBERT)

THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE for London several days ago of Air Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill on a huge American-built, four-engined bomber from Newfoundland signalizes a tremendous speed-up in the flow to Britain by air of aircraft built in factories of the United States.

Sir Frederick, known throughout the Royal Air Force as "Ginger" Bowhill, is one of the best organizers in the British Empire, and until recently was head of the important coastal command of the British Isles, with the responsibility of seeing that every German air or sea attack on a convoy was met by immediate and appropriate counter measures.

He was relieved of this job so that he could fly to Canada and study how the delivery of American aircraft by air to Britain could be increased several hundred per cent.

Now in London making an official report embodying detailed recommendations, he is expected back soon to direct the ferrying operations in person.

"Really Rolling" Now

It has been no secret in aviation circles that British defence leaders were concerned for a time by the slowness of the trans-Atlantic ferry service to get into high gear.

At present, in the process of being taken over by the British Air Ministry, the service has been successively in the hands of a Canadian civil group and the British Ministry of Aircraft Production. Operations were hampered mainly by a lack of experienced personnel in the directorate on this side.

But, according to Col. George R. Hutchinson, American pilot who participated in the flight delivery of the initial group of Lockheed Hudson that went across the Atlantic last fall and has since flown many more trips, the bombers "really are rolling overseas" now. It is routine, he revealed while on his way to visit his family in Baltimore, for several score a day to take off for England from the run ways of the giant airport at Hatties Camp, Newfoundland. Canadian and British engineers hacked this field several years ago from the forests of the Newfoundland wilderness in anticipation of its use in war involving Britain.

Col. Hutchinson is head of the famous "flying Hutchinson family" consisting of himself, his wife, Blanche, and his two daughters, Kathryn and Janet Lee, who have visited fifty-odd countries together in their own plane in the last ten years. Since last August, when he joined the trans-Atlantic ferrying service as a charter member, he has drawn so many flight assignments to take bombers abroad on holidays such as Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Armistice Day and Memorial Day that his fellow pilots nicknamed him "Holiday Hutch".

He and the other pilots, a miscellaneous group of former crop dusters, barnstormers, airline men and British airmen drawn mainly from British Overseas Airways, have taken some strange cargoes over. Not long ago a Canadian general with his two aides, a captain and a major, sat in Col. Hutchinson's bomber for the Atlantic crossing on boxes of flare shells and pouches of diplomatic mail in company with a noted Canadian scientist.

The monotony of the trip was broken by an unusual serenade—that of 200 bullfrogs croaking in unison. These were being transported for experimentation in gas-defence laboratories so that England might have an air-tight defence against the possible use of poison gas by the Luftwaffe.

Found Courage High

"On another occasion I decided on my own to carry twenty-four cartons of American cigarettes and a couple of crates of oranges to distribute among my English friends," Col. Hutchinson related. "There is something of a scarcity

of such luxuries, but it hasn't affected the morale a bit. I never heard, in all of my visits to England, a single man, woman or child say in even a private conversation that he had the slightest doubt of England's ability to win this fight."

The hop from Newfoundland to Britain takes from seven and one-half to ten hours at present, and the return trip thirteen or more, Col. Hutchinson disclosed. Ferrying bombers, he says, isn't the hardest job on earth, although it's far from easy. He asserted that during all the delivery flights made to date, not a single ferry pilot had been attacked by a German raider.

"The way we slip into Britain at varying altitudes and times each trip would make it almost a miracle for any German fighter pilot to accomplish an interception," Col. Hutchinson related.

The repeated German bombing raids on Britain, now "one huge aerodrome," according to Col. Hutchinson, are ineffective. Concrete runways are not generally used in airports built in the British Isles, he related, and the huge craters blown in the ground are filled in and packed down in a few hours by fast-working repair crews. Col. Hutchinson said that in the raids he experienced, none of the bombers ferried over was hit directly, although one or two suffered minor damages from bomb fragments.

Praise For Britons

Col. Hutchinson and other trans-Atlantic pilots with whom I have talked have high praise for the British Overseas Airways pilots assigned to work with them. One in particular, Capt. D. C. T. Bennett, the director of operations, is credited with keeping the service at a high point of efficiency in spite of slip-ups and bottle-necks outside his control. Capt. Bennett, the pilots report, often works all day on administrative details, then decides to take overseas a four-engined bomber, and after a few hours' rest in Britain flies back again with a load of ferry pilots in his plane.

According to an official announcement of the British Press Service, four types of American bombers are being delivered by air. It reports: "There is the Lockheed Hudson, latest version of the reconnaissance bomber, which has done such magnificent work. There is the Boeing 'flying fortress.' This is a big, four-motored, high-flying bomber with a fine reputation. There is the Consolidated Liberator four-motor bomber, one of the fastest heavy bombers in the world. And there is the long-range Consolidated Catalina flying boat, one of which already has gained fame by its twenty-hour shadowing of the Bismarck."

There have been persistent rumours that Britain intends to fly some of its smaller fighter aircraft, equipped with extra gasoline tanks, across this summer, but so far none has gone.

BURIED IN ONE GRAVE

Sir James and Lady Frazer, who died within a few hours of one another, were buried in one grave at St. Giles's Cemetery, Cambridge.

AMERICA COULD FEED BRITAIN BY AIR

Speaking at Schenectady, Mr. Kenneth Farrell, the food chemist, said that if shipping was unable to reach Britain it would be possible for the U.S. dried food industry to ship enough supplies by plane to feed every man, woman and child in Britain.

He calculated that 300 bombers could supply one day's food.

"SPIES" FIND ARMY GOSSIP

The Army is talking too much in this war.

This is the opinion of officials who have been "pumping" people in towns near big camps.

They were sent out to discover how much anyone would talk. How much a Fifth Columnist could discover if he tried, and what people were saying. And they found it easy.

Civilians generally cold-shoulder them. But soldiers, from captains down to privates often—casually and ingeniously—gave them all the information they want, and more.

Dropping into the conversation with a subaltern in a village bar, an official had no difficulty in discovering where his H.Q. was, how many men were stationed there, and what other troops were in the neighbourhood.

The official's report showed exactly what information he had received from different ranks in the Army and exactly what answers he got from civilians.

No one challenged him, although, if they had done so, they would have found reason to doubt his identity.

TRIED TO RUN OFF WITH \$15,000

LEE WING-PUN, 21, DESCRIBED AS A DELIVERY AGENT, RESIDING AT NO. 57, WING LOK STREET, FIRST FLOOR, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH FRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF \$15,000, ENTRUSTED TO HIM BY TSE YUK-TONG, MANAGER OF THE KAM SING IMPORT AND EXPORT FIRM.

According to Detective Sergeant White, accused had been employed by the firm for a long time at wages of \$12 per month. He was entrusted with a large sum for the purpose of paying it over to the To Hang Bank, at No. 11, Bonham Strand East. He disappeared.

Accused was arrested at the Kwong Tai Loi Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, on August 2, where \$15,453 in cash was found in his possession. He had bought a ticket for Singapore, for the sum of \$200.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

HUNGARIAN ORDER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] More than 12,000 Polish and Russian Jews have been expelled from Hungary, charged with endangering the balance of Hungarian economic life. It is believed that they have been transferred across the border into Galicia. — International News Service.

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ANTHEM OF VICTORY

Throughout the nations under the heel of Hitler the letter "V" has become a symbol of the eventual victory of freedom. Chalked up on walls, it is a constant reminder to the Nazi garrisons of the submerged fires glowing under their boot heels, the fires that shall eventually destroy them and the manifold miseries for which they stand. On a recent evening the B.B.C., in every tongue spoken in Europe, suggested a number of variations on the "V" theme, calculated to drive home to the Germans the explosive quality of the hatred they have distilled on an unhappy continent. The broadcast pointed out that the Morse code signal for "V" was three dots and a dash and told Europe's oppressed to use that rhythm when they knocked upon a door, when they wished to summon a waiter, whenever they sought to express their contempt and defiance for their temporary masters.

Reports received in London indicate that the "sound war" is being taken up enthusiastically by the peoples of the occupied lands, that villagers beat out the rhythm of the "V" upon the sidewalks as German troops march through their streets, and audiences in motion-picture houses applaud to the same beat when the ordained reels of Nazi conquest are flashed upon the screen. It is not hard to appreciate the effect of this tapped-out jeer upon the invaders, to picture the nervous alertness of a Gestapo official who hears the ominous beat in every swinging shutter, creaking door and in every drumming rainfall.

But the rhythm of the "V" has another application even more dramatic, more appealing to the imagination. In the broadcast the announcer played the opening bars of Beethoven's Fifth symphony—that solemn phrase which has been termed the motive of fate. "You will notice," said the announcer, "that it is in the same rhythm as the Morse code 'V' sound. This rhythm is heard throughout the Fifth Symphony. This rhythm is your rhythm, your sign, the sign of resistance against tyranny, the sign of a great European army which will one day sweep the Germans away like straws in a flood." And so a great work of art, in this curious fashion, becomes the anthem of a great movement for human liberation; a noble effort finds noble expression.

The Fifth Symphony has many titles to this honour beyond the coincidence of rhythm, beyond even the intrinsic grandeur of the music. It was the product of another period of struggle against oppression, created by a master who was inspired by that struggle. It was completed, probably, in the year of Ulm, Austerlitz—and Trafalgar; it was first performed when the Spaniards were rising against Napoleon and patriotic fervour was sweeping the lands that the Emperor of the French had conquered, and, while less directly associated with the fight for freedom than Beethoven's "Eroica" or his "Battle" Symphony, it breathes the spirit of the era. May it be the same for our own troubled period—an anthem of hope in dark hours and of victory in the end!



West Africa The 'Iceland' Of S. Atlantic

THE strategy of the Atlantic remains America's principal, though not only military concern; and its importance has just been re-emphasised by the movement of American armed forces to Iceland. In a sense, Iceland forms part of the island sea-barrier of which the British Isles are the principal bastion, and which control access to the Atlantic from northern Europe; that is, which commands both the sea approaches to northern Europe from North America, and vice versa.

But a glance at a map of the Atlantic Ocean will show that for the purposes of American security this is hardly enough. Very likely much of the lack of clear thinking about our present military problems is due to our school geographies, which rarely contain maps of the Atlantic Ocean as a whole, but rather separate maps of the continents. Far better than a map for a clear understanding of the Atlantic problem, however, is a globe.

Three General Areas

Looking at a globe, it will be perceived that there are three general areas which American forces desiring to contain any European threat against the Americas must control. One is the island bridge across the North Atlantic, already mentioned; one is the Caribbean Sea, commanding all access to the Panama Canal and the Gulf of Mexico and controlling communication with the Pacific, and one is the narrow area between the western bulge of Africa and the northeastern shoulder of Brazil, with the island groups covering the approach to this region from Europe. The Azores, Canaries, Madeiras and Cape Verde. Neither in these islands, nor on the western bulge of Africa itself, can the United States tolerate any hostile air or naval bases which might threaten our security or the security of our Latin-American neighbours which is so closely bound up with our own. Moreover, if, as is certainly possible, we are called upon in our own interests to engage in active operations in the North Atlantic to maintain the island barrier of Great Britain, we ought to see to it that the Germans are given no opportunity to use their air and submarine forces to create a diversion in the South Atlantic and thus either draw off part of our strength, or threaten us into inaction in the north. Security is just as essential a principle of war as offensive ac-

tion, and offensive action must be developed from a secure base.

May Use U.S. Troops

Furthermore, we might as well recognise that we cannot solve this problem by obtaining a base on the Brazilian coast, as has been suggested recently in certain quarters. The political problems involved in doing this seem insoluble. Any such base must be garrisoned by our own troops if it is constructed; otherwise our safety rests on the ability of the Brazilians to defend the base against a full-scale modern attack, and we must further be assured that no change, local or general, will take place which might endanger the safety of the base. This is hardly enough mar-

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

gin of safety, since the very fact that any Brazilian government which would bring American troops to Brazilian soil would in itself be sufficient to cause the gravest criticisms of its conduct to arise in Brazil, and the Germans know very well how to exploit the never dying and by a little American help in the Latin-American fears of "Yankee imperialism."

We might, in building or contributing to the building of such a base, be increasing rather than decreasing our danger; we might be providing the Germans with exactly the sort of bridgehead into the Americas which they could use against us at a critical moment. Finally, a base in Brazil is not nearly as well located for all purposes of American security, as a base on the western bulge of Africa in the vicinity of Dakar, supplemented by control of the Cape Verde Islands and perhaps some others. There are political problems here too; but at least they are not of so grave a nature as to involve the whole of the gains of our "good-neighbour" policy.

Vichy Firmly In Nazi Grip

All of which brings us to the question of why we are not at least more cordial, if nothing

more, to the Free French, who already control French Equatorial Africa and might, with a little help, enlarge their holdings to include much of French West Africa, even Dakar itself. It may be urged that we can hardly deal with the Free French when we still recognise the Vichy government and are trying to nurse along some rather tenuous dealings with Gen. Weygand in North Africa. But what has this policy got us so far? Exactly nothing. Vichy is firmly in the grip of the Nazis, and that grip will be tightened when it suits Hitler's purposes. Weygand has shown not the slightest sign of willingness to take any action against the Axis, though he had the opportunity of a lifetime when the British had conquered Cyrenaica and the Free French had thrust boldly up to Marzuk in southern Libya.

Our official attitude seems to be that the Free French are a sort of British offshoot, and that if we aid the British, the British can aid the Free French as they see fit; yet this is just the position in which the Free French ought not to be placed in the eyes of the French people, who are being told with such persistent reiteration by the German propaganda machine that the British are using the Free French as an instrument of nefarious plans to take over the French colonial empire.

As a matter of fact, America's standstill policy toward the Free French, as contrasted with the help of various sorts that we have given to Vichy and Weygand, seems to place a premium, as to Vichy, on collaboration with the Germans, or, as to Weygand, a premium on inaction.

Could Be Of Great Value

Yet those very Free Frenchmen are in a position to be of great value to us if they were helped even a little. There was a time when Dakar could have been taken from the sea without much difficulty; delay and hesitation have not improved this situation. But Dakar would not long resist the combination of naval pressure and of a consolidating movement from the rear in which the Free French, aided by the British from their West African colonies in the way of munitions and planes, might mop up Dahomey, the Ivory Coast, French Guinea and the Niger territory. The repercussions of such a move would be very great even in

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SOMETHING HE CANNOT GRASP

Hitler does not understand democracy, declared Mr. A. C. C. Robertson, a cotton workers' leader, when he addressed the Textile Factory Workers' Association at Blackpool.

"He made the first mistake," said Mr. Robertson, "in thinking that our democratic commonwealth would fall to pieces at the first blast of war."

"He never could and never will understand men from the Dominions, India and the Colonies crossing the world to defend a country they have never seen."

French Troops In Southern Region Ordered North

NO BOMBS DURING DAYLIGHT

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "A small number of enemy aircraft have flown near our coast to-day (Monday) and one flew inland. Up to 8 p.m. there was no report of any bomb having been dropped." British Wireless.

THE COMPLETION OF THE LANDING AND ASSIGNMENT TO VARIOUS SECTORS OF JAPANESE "REINFORCEMENTS" TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT DEFENCE, WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF JAPANESE FORCES, IN SAIGON.

Japanese disembarkation was still in full swing yesterday morning and a general picture of the movements of the last few days was clearer.

JAPAN THE INJURED INNOCENT

Prejudices abroad have prevented a fair understanding of the Far Eastern situation, declares the "Japan Times," which is the organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper affirms that the policy of Japan is one of "hakko ichi aye" which means "an harmonious world under one heaven."

The newspaper complains of America's pursuit of a policy consistently imperialistic, and says that no volume of moral impeachments on her part can offset the evidence of America's spreading domination.

Adding that Washington has extended its influence far from the new world into territory of other peoples, the newspaper urges the American people to re-examine the policy which designs and attempted punishment of all foreign countries which do not line up with American power politics. Japan has worked consistently to keep peace in the Far East and has the right to live in peace and cooperation with the territories around it.—Reuter.

THEY GOT THEIR TEA

During the last blitz on London the Y.M.C.A. Services Centre in the Strand sent thirty-five mobile canteens, many operated by women, into the worst-bombed areas in answer to calls from A.R.P. workers.

"Again and again we returned to our base with the van, loaded up with hot tea and set off," said one of the women. "Many times we drove between the tottering walls of burning buildings to reach firemen."

"Our most exciting experience was when a dozen manholes blew up round the van, without doing any damage."

SEEDS FOR OUR PRISONERS

The Royal Horticultural Society is forming a committee to collect vegetable and flower seeds from members of the Society for British prisoners of war. Prisoners have asked for seeds, and they may be sent in Red Cross envelopes.

FOUGHT IN A BLUE CLOAK

Wearing a blue cloak fastened with a gold clasp embossed with the Lion of Judah, an Irishman mounted on a charger led into action amid the Abyssinian lakes an army of Abyssinian patriots.

He was Captain Thomas Hetherington Henfrey.

His irregulars are called Henfrey's Scouts.

UNAWARE HE'S EARL

"This is my daddy's house, but you can't see him. He hasn't been here since Sunday," said a fair-haired, freckled little boy.

"This engine is a cracker," he volunteered, as he clambered into the driving seat of an old lorry.

"My name's Mike. I'm six, and I can climb right up to the top of this van."

I was talking (writes a correspondent) to the twenty-first Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, lord of the 10,000 acres surrounding him, master of the centuries-old house behind him. But he did not know he was an earl.

Fought With Brains

Until recently he was Michael John James George Robert Howard Viscount Andover. Then a telegram came telling his mother, once Mimi Crawford, favourite of playgoers, that her thirty-five-year-old husband the Earl of Suffolk, had been killed.

He did not lay it down on the field of battle as did his father in the Iraq desert in 1917.

He chose to go into the front line as a civilian because he thought that he could best help his country with his brains. He was a brilliant scientist.

But when young Mike is older—he has not been told of the earl's death—he will find that his father's name is written among the bravest of the brave.

DOG PAL OF EMPEROR

ROSA, AN OLD BROWN AND WHITE MONGREL DOG, STOOD BY THE SIDE OF THE HOSTESS AT THE EMPRESS OF ETHIOPIA'S RECEPTION AT HER BATH HOME.

The dog was brought to England by the Emperor Haile Selassie. She was with him all the time he was fighting the Italians, and was blinded in one eye by poison gas.

Only once, when the Mayor of Bath, Mr. Aubrey Bath, Mr. Aubrey Bateman proposed the health of the Emperor who has regained his kingdom, did Rosa rise to her feet and look inquiringly at the sixty guests as they clicked their glasses.

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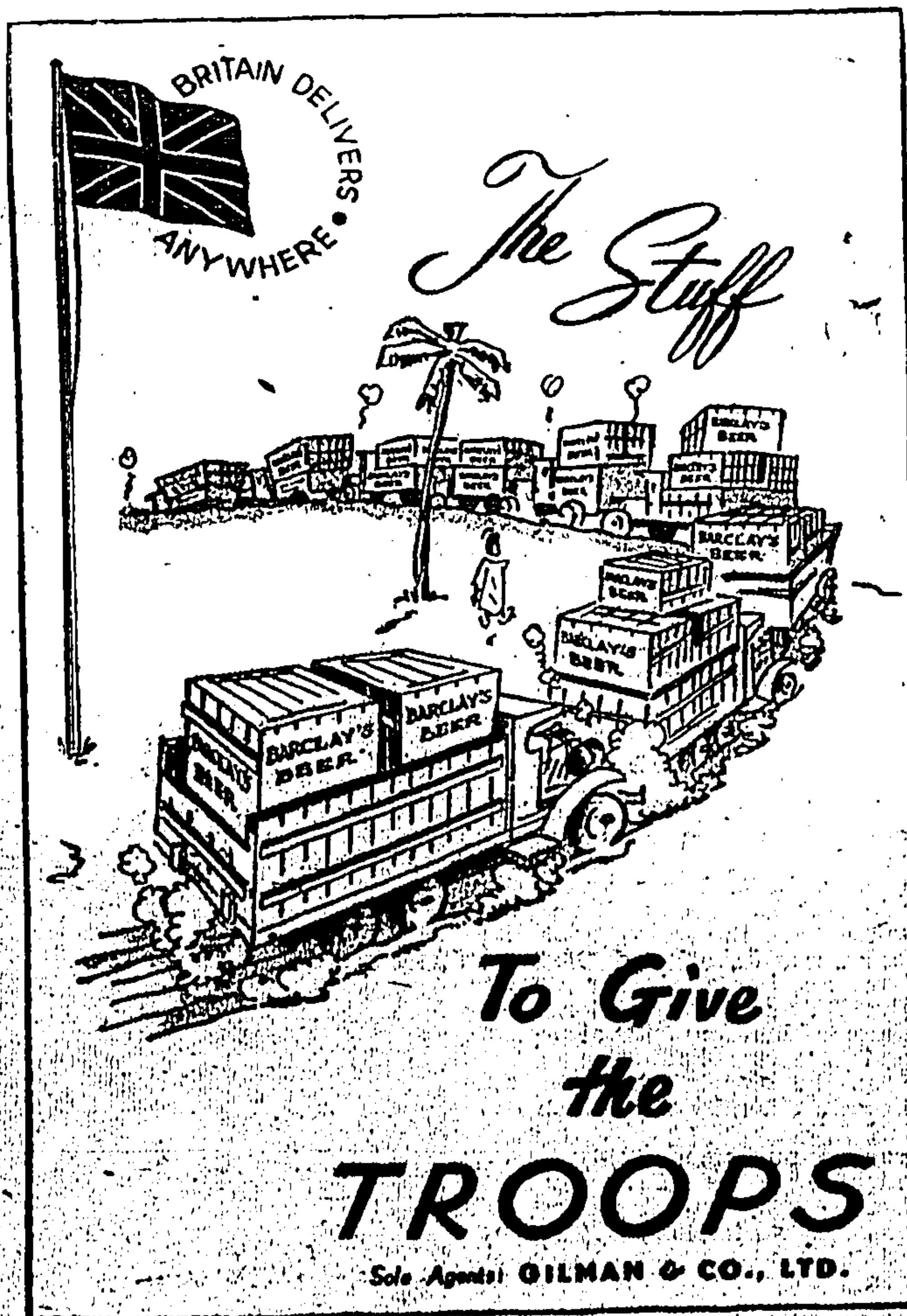
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NEW ZEALAND PILOT AWARDED VICTORIA CROSS

THE VICTORIA CROSS has been conferred on Sergt. James Allen Ward, New Zealand Air Force No. 75 Squadron, in recognition of "the most conspicuous bravery."

On the night of July 7, Ward was second pilot of a Wellington bomber returning from an attack on Muenster. When flying over the Zuider Zee, the aircraft was attacked from beneath by a Messerschmitt. Fire broke out near the starboard engine and, fed by petrol from the split pipe, quickly gained an alarming hold and threatened to spread to the entire wing.

The crew forced a hole in the fuselage and made strenuous efforts to reduce the fire with extinguishers and even coffee in their vacuum flasks but without success.

As a last resort Ward volunteered to make an attempt to smother the fire with the engine cover.

With the help of the navigator he climbed through the narrow hatch.

Breaking the fabric to make hand and foot holds where necessary, and also taking advantage of existing holes in the fabric, Ward succeeded in descending to the wing and proceeding to a position behind the engine, despite the slipstream from the airscrew which nearly blew him off the wing.

Smothered Fire

Lying in this precarious position, he smothered the fire in the wing fabric. Tired as he was, he was able, with the navigator's help, to make successfully the perilous journey back into the aircraft.

There was then no danger of the fire spreading from the petrol pipe as there was no fabric left nearby, and in due course it burned itself out.

When the aircraft reached home a safe landing was made despite the damage sustained by the aircraft. Although Ward has been in Britain only four months, he has taken part in nearly a dozen raids.

Ex-Schoolmaster

Since joining his present squadron, Ward, to use his own words, has done "two Kiels, one Dusseldorf, one Cologne, one Muenster and a Mannheim."

Before joining the Royal Air Force in July last year, he was a schoolmaster and was trained in New Zealand under the Empire Training Scheme. This is the seventh Victoria Cross of the war to go to a British airman and the first to be gained by the New Zealanders. —Reuter.

AUNTIE HELPS MOTHER'S DARLING

"Mother's Darling" — girl registering for the national call-up who has never gone out to work or left home—is being specially catered for.

She can take her mother along with her when she goes to sign on, and her war-time career is discussed and decided on with the help of an official adviser. One of these advisers is a kindly smiling-eyed, middle-aged woman at Battersea, London, S.W.

The girls call her Auntie Louise.

"The main trouble with most young girls going out to work for the first time is that they seem afraid to leave home," Auntie told the "Daily Mirror". "But I always try to explain to them that their characters will

WATCH ON THAILAND

REPORTS TO THE EFFECT THAT GREAT BRITAIN IS SEEKING TO OBTAIN NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THAILAND AND THAT THE BRITISH HAVE SENT 100,000 TROOPS TO THE BURMA-THAILAND BORDER, HAVE BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY DENIED IN LONDON, WHERE IT IS RECALLED THAT REPORTS OF A SIMILAR AND EQUALLY UNFOUNDED NATURE WERE SET IN CIRCULATION CONCERNING BRITISH INTENTIONS IN RELATION TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

The position of Thailand is accordingly being watched in London carefully, and with some concern.

Mr. Eden, on July 23, reaffirmed that British policy towards Thailand was governed by our treaty of non-aggression with that country and that the treaty was not designed to obtain exclusive advantages or directed against any third party.

Various expressions of the Thai Government's determination to preserve their independence and integrity, accordingly have been noted with satisfaction in London. — British Wireless.

CHEUNG CHAU MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WAS HELD YESTERDAY, IN SPITE OF THE TYPHOON WEATHER, WITH MR. D. O. SILVER, PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Kemof, and reports were read by Mrs. Lily Franklin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

As there are so few on the island at present owing to the evacuation of both British and American residents, it was voted and passed that last year's office-bearers carry on for the next year, namely:—President, Mr. D. O. Silver; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Harold Smyth and James Smith; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Lily Franklin.

It was also decided that the Government be approached again for the annual grant of \$150. for the upkeep of the roads and paths on the islands. The meeting then terminated and the Householders and Owners met and decided that no change be made in the constitution for the present.

never develop if they don't go out while they are still young. I never hesitate to advise them to leave. I explain to mothers, too, how it teaches their daughters self-reliance."

SHANGHAI VIRTUALLY ISOLATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An official of the Shanghai branch of the J.C.J.L., questioned regarding a rumour that their liners will no longer be calling at Shanghai, said yesterday that they were hopeful that the situation would straighten itself out shortly.

Shanghai is still virtually isolated, owing to the restrictions placed by the Japanese on travel.—International News Service.

BUS RUNS INTO FLAT

A bus "ran amok" in Yen Chow Street yesterday afternoon, colliding with a lorry, running into a house and seriously injuring a Chinese woman, it was revealed in a police report this morning.

According to the driver, a lorry, No. 5881, suddenly emerged in front of the bus from Fuk Wing Street.

A collision occurred. He swerved to the right but the bus mounted the pavement, and ran into the ground floor of No. 30, Fuk Wing Street, in which a woman inmate was injured. She was later removed to Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

Traffic Sub-Inspector J. Scrim told the "China Mail" that the bus went into the house for about 15 feet, damaging two side walls and injuring the woman, who was sitting in a chair next to a bed. The front of the bus was badly damaged.

The lorry was loaded with jars of Chinese wine.

In consequence of the collision, jars were broken and a number of on-lookers obtained free drinks with tin cups and glasses.

DAUGHTER OF PEER KILLED

The Hon. June Forbes-Sempill, eighteen-year-old daughter of Lord Sempill, the airman peer, and grand daughter of Sir John Lavery, was killed within 100 yards of her father's home in a night air raid on London.

At the time she was on duty with the W.V.S.

Her engagement to Pilot Officer Philip Tilney-Thornton, R.A.F.V.R., was announced six weeks ago.

When the bomb fell, her step-mother Lady Sempill told the "Daily Mirror", "June was in uniform waiting for a call to go out with her mobile canteen."

Miss Forbes-Sempill's fiancé is in the Middle East with the R.A.F. Intelligence.

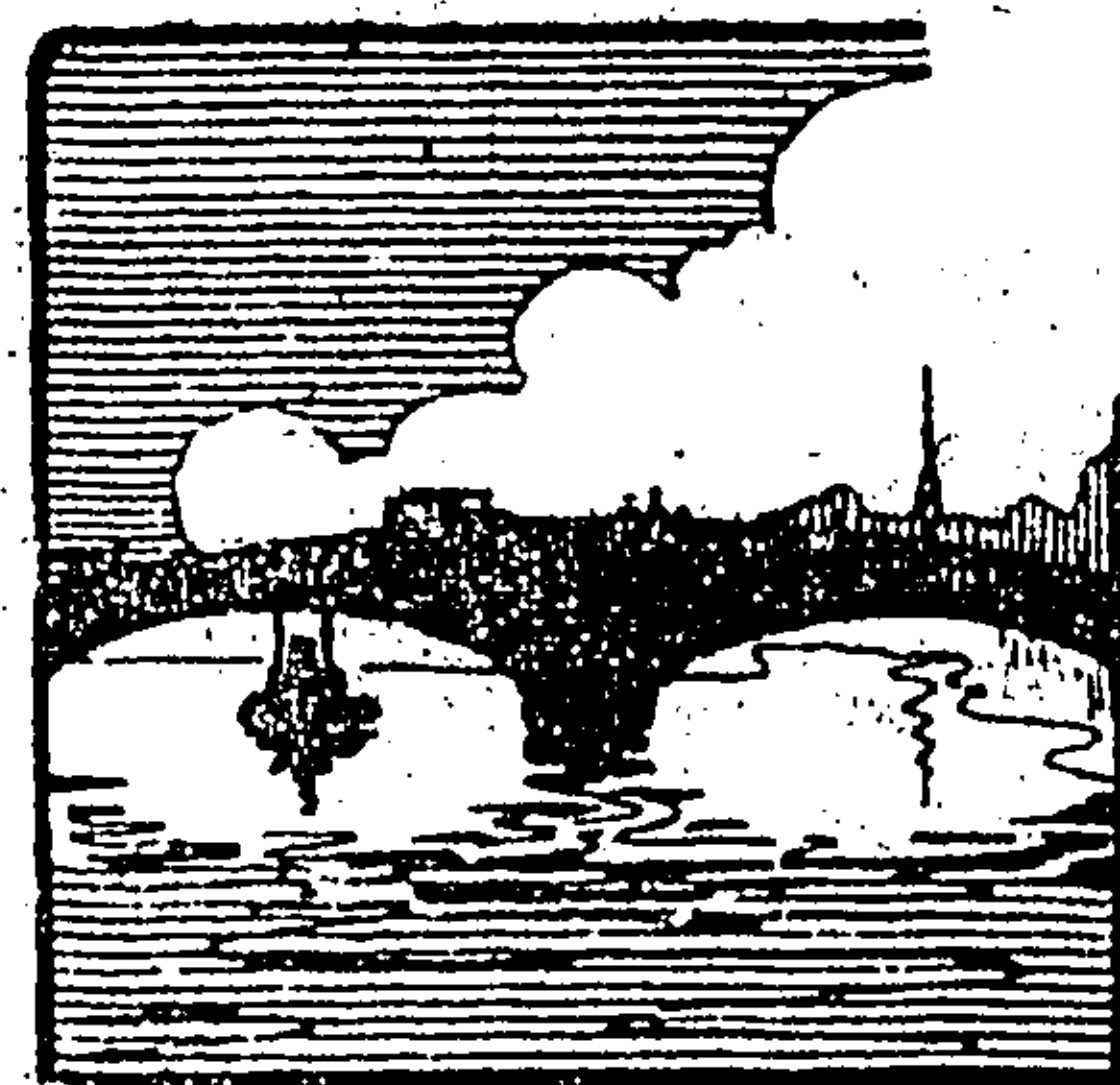
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BRIDGE NOTES

USEFUL CARDS By The Four Aces

"This type of hand," complains a Baltimore reader, "seems to give us a good deal of trouble. Game was cold without a finesse; as a matter of fact we'd have made an extra trick if the diamond Ace had been in the right spot. But we stopped short of game, as you can see:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable	
NORTH	
♠ K 8 5 4	
♥ 7 5 3 2	
♦ 8 2	
♣ K 7 3	
WEST	
♠ J 6	
♥ Q J 10	
♦ A J 4 3	
♣ 10 9 6 5	
EAST	
♠ 10 9	
♥ A K 8 6 4	
♦ Q 10 9 7	
♣ J 2	
SOUTH	
♠ A Q 7 3 2	
♥ 9	
♦ K 6 5	
♣ A Q 8 4	

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
Pass Pass

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0

"South didn't see how he could bid any more with a hand so full of holes. As he pointed out, if North's club King had been the heart King, he would still have to lose three red tricks and would also lose one or two clubs. And North didn't see how he could make any energetic bid with only two Kings and not even a singleton. But the thing that all of us didn't see was why this lay-down game couldn't be bid logically and safely. Can you tell us?"

We can't state why the game couldn't be bid because we think it should have been bid. Our correspondent put his finger on the vital point when he said that game would have been impossible if North had held the heart King instead of the club King. South had no way of telling which King (if any) North held—but North did know. Although North had only two Kings, he could be sure they were useful cards, for they were in the suits South had bid. For that reason, North should have jumped to four spades. Game can be made with surprisingly little strength if all of it is just where it's needed.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ K 7 3 2
♣ 10 6

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♦ Pass 1♥ 2♠
2♠ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your partner probably has only a four-card spade suit, and will probably be a great deal better off at diamonds than at spades. Your hand is weak, but you must show your preference for diamonds.

Score 100% for three diamonds; 50% for pass.

Question No. 786

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 7 5
♥ K 9 8 4 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 10 6

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby
1♦ Pass 1♥ 2♠
2♠ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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N.C.O. RANKINGS FOR A.R.P.

Ranks similar to those of corporal and sergeant in the Army are to be created in the Civil Defence services.

These "N.C.O.s" of the A.F.S. and A.R.P. will be given higher pay.

The Home Secretary announced the scheme in the Commons. Details of ranks and pay are being worked out immediately.

Post wardens in charge of organisation and section leaders of rescue and demolition squads will be among the men chosen for the intermediate ranks.

They will also receive one free return railway voucher in a year, so that their annual holiday may be spent in more peaceful surroundings.

At present A.R.P. workers in responsible positions receive no more pay than the minimum of £3 10s.

The Home Secretary said improved service conditions include graded pay from the beginning of June, sickness pay, and allowances for fire-watchers' meals.

New Uniforms

Serge uniforms, stated later to be of battle-dress type, overcoats, berets and boots would be made available for whole-time civil defence workers and part-time members who undertook to perform not less than forty-eight hours' duty a month.

Appropriate new uniforms would be designed for women not already provided with a suitable type.

The sick leave concession to paid workers had been reconsidered. They would in future receive full pay during absence through sickness up to thirteen weeks.

KWANGTUNG RESTRICTIONS

The restriction on foreign visitors to certain areas other than coastal ports in free Kwangtung, which was to be lifted on October 1, is to be extended a further six months, it was announced yesterday by the Kwangtung Provincial Government, according to reports reaching Hong Kong this afternoon.

Extension of the restriction is reported to have been approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and foreign Consulates in China are to be duly notified.

STRETCHER BEARERS ARE DISMISSED

Seven full-time A.R.P. stretcher-bearers, all of whom are Trade Unionists, have been dismissed by Holborn Borough Council.

One of them was a former chairman of the A.R.P. branch of the National Union of Public Employees.

This follows the dismissal the previous week of 27 stretcher-bearers.

Of these, 13 responded to an invitation to apply for reinstatement and 10 were reinstated.

COULDN'T JOIN US—DIED

Rudolf Landmann, 19, of Toronto, Canada, a German, tried to join the Canadian Air Force, was refused and committed suicide under a goods train—British United Press.

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SOLDIER SHOT HIS SWEETHEART

Edward George Beesley, 29, driver in the Royal Army Service Corps, whose home is at Charles Street, Oxford, was at Oxford Assizes found not guilty of the murder of his sweetheart, Irene Sherry, a 20-year-old domestic servant. The girl was found shot at her lodgings in Oxford.

Beesley was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude.

Mrs. Payne, the girl's landlady, described how Beesley came to her home with a rifle, and, being told that the girl was not at home, returned later and was allowed to wait in her room. Later Mrs. Payne heard Sherry go upstairs.

Then came a noise like something falling out of the window, the front door was slammed and witness, going to Sherry's room, found her dead in a chair.

Constable Swann said in a wallet Beesley had six letters, and he said to witness, "I took them from the dressing-table. I want them kept carefully."

Mr. H. H. Maddocks, for the Crown, said that Beesley shot the girl through the heart because of letters she had written to another soldier.

Beesley said that after reading the letters he did not remember any more.

AXIS SHOWBOAT TO WOO S. AMERICA

There's a gay and luxuriously equipped showboat sailing across the South Atlantic.

She's an Axis bid to lure South Americans from friendship with Britain and the U.S.A., and her stock-in-trade includes an orchestra, rich foods, rare wines and lots and lots of honeyed words. Flying the flag of "neutral" Spain, the showboat is the 6,735-ton Cabodehornos, and aboard are Spanish and South American officials notorious for their links with Nazis.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Minerals Needed For Beauty

You have been hearing a good deal about vitamins and minerals of late. To-day I want to tell you as simply as possible about minerals which are essential to the well-balanced menu.

Minerals work in our bodies four ways. They make bones, teeth, the skeleton. They are the chief solid part of all soft tissues (muscles, blood, etc.). They cause muscles and nerves to work properly (regulate the heart beat, etc.). They supply the materials necessary to keep a proper balance in the fluids, digestive juices and other secretions of the body.

How Minerals Affect Beauty Problems

When we see people whose health and beauty are affected by poor teeth, poor bone formations resulting in hollow chests, poorly developed lungs, not to mention bow legs, knock knees, and flat feet and very serious after results of rickets, we begin to appreciate the importance of having the necessary amounts of minerals in one's diet. Most people do not get enough of calcium, phosphorus or iron.

Let me caution those who cook for the family not to discard the juices of cooked foods. Use the minimum amount of water to cook vegetables and see that all juice is eaten if not with the vegetables, then in soups or gravies. If you discard the juice you discard precious vitamins and minerals.

Which Foods Contain Minerals

Through the courtesy of the New York State Department of Nutrition I shall list foods which contain the three minerals which most diets lack.

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF CALCIUM: Milk, buttermilk, cheese, dandelion greens, figs, molasses, oysters, beans, spinach, oranges, cottage cheese, small onions. (There are many more



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foods containing calcium but these listed contain higher percentage.)

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PHOSPHORUS: Lean beef, baked beans, buttermilk, milk, oysters, lean fish, cottage cheese, bran, American cheese, canned corn, eggs, shredded wheat.

TWELVE FOODS CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE OF

IRON: Spinach, lean beef, dandelion greens, molasses, navy baked beans, figs, egg yolk, shredded wheat, maple syrup, potatoes (white), fresh lima beans, bran.

So if you include several of the foods mentioned above in your daily menus, in normal quantity, the chances are you will be supplied with sufficient amounts of calcium, phosphorus and iron.



The golf widow says the home garden would produce if her husband would put as much effort into digging in it as he does in the bunkers on the golf course.



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 "Please accept our most warm and appreciative thanks for your wonderful generosity in having contributed in all £120. Will you tell your members how very grateful we are to them for having supported our Appeal as you have done."

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Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch:—
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DRIVER IN HURRY

A fine of \$15 was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Wong Lok for failing to stop to allow a fire-engine to pass whilst driving past Mongkok Fire Station on July 8.

Mr. R. Brooks, Officer-in-charge, stated that the engine was leaving the station on a fire call and its siren was ringing. A fireman was standing in the middle of the road to stop traffic but accused swerved round him and continued driving past the station.

IMMIGRATION LAW EVADERS

Charged with entering the Colony without an Immigration permit on February 15, Tse Chui-hung, 31, Lam Sui-kan, 22, and Shu Fat-sang, 30, were ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

According to Mr. Taylor, Immigration Officer in the New Territories, accused were on Sunday afternoon stopped on the main road from Shatin to Tai-po.

Accused were taken to Tai-po police station, and as a result of interrogation admitted that they landed at Cheungshawan on February 15 having come here on board a junk.

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LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE

COMPLETE REARRANGED FIXTURES

Postponed matches in the various divisions of Lawn Tennis League have been re-arranged and unless some of the games in Third Division, arranged for September, are brought forward by mutual consent the season will finish on the last Wednesday of that month.

The prolonged tennis season with, in consequence, interference with the cricket arrangements of some clubs.

Following is the re-arranged programme

FIRST DIVISION	
Wednesday, August 6	SCAA v KCC
Monday, August 11	IRC v CRC
Tuesday, August 12	HKUT v CDR
Wednesday, August 13	HKCC v SCAA
Wednesday, August 20	SCAA v KCC
Wednesday, August 27	SCAA v HKUT
Wednesday, September 3	SCAA v KCC
Wednesday, September 10	SCAA v HKUT

SECOND DIVISION	
Tuesday, August 12	CRC v ATC
Tuesday, August 19	SCAA v KCC
Tuesday, August 26	SCAA v KCC
Tuesday, August 27	SCAA v KCC
Tuesday, August 28	SCAA v KCC

THIRD DIVISION	
Monday, August 11	CRC (1) v CRC (2)
Wednesday, August 13	CDR v SCAA
Wednesday, August 20	ATC v KCC
Wednesday, August 27	ATC v KCC
Monday, August 18	KITC v VRC (1)



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20	
CDR v KITC	ATC v CRC (2)
KTGCA v KCC	CRC (1) v IRC
HKUT v SCAA	CDR v SCAA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27	
IRC v CDR	SCAA v HKUT
Wednesday, September 3	CDR v ATC
Wednesday, September 10	ATC v CRC (1)
Wednesday, September 17	CCC v CDR
Wednesday, September 24	ATC v C.C.C.

FOURTH DIVISION	
Thursday, August 7	CCC v KITC
Thursday, August 14	CCC v KITC
Thursday, August 21	CCC v KITC
Thursday, August 28	CCC v KITC

Because of the tension in the Far East, the Chinese soccer team now in Australia will leave for Hong Kong after playing the last Test—Reuter. The last Test was played on Saturday and resulted in a win for Australia.

Pawloski Supreme Throughout

SING TAO PLAYERS RETURNING

Cable advice received by Mr. Aw Ho, of Sing Tao football team, yesterday morning stated that all the members of the touring team at present in Australia will be returning.

SCHOOLS' AQUATIC ENTRIES

Seven entries, five from boys' schools, have been received by the Victoria Recreation Club, for the forthcoming Boys' and Girls' Schools swimming gala.

The schools participating are: Boys: St. Joseph's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys School, St. Stephen's College and Nam Wah School.

Girls: St. Mary's School, French Convent.

A meeting of school representatives will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at V.R.C.

FLOODLIT BOWLS TO-NIGHT

The following will represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club against Lane, Crawford, Ltd., in a friendly floodlit Lawn Bowls match at Ming Yuen to-night, commencing at 8 p.m.

R. W. Smith, A. G. Everest, W. E. Macfarlane and J. F. Lunny (Skip); J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip); W. Stoker, E. L. Groom, J. F. Barron and A. F. Paul (Skip). Reserve: G. W. K. Crawford.

Sponsored by Hong Kong Model Plane Association, the first Model Planes Exhibition in Hong Kong has been arranged to take place on Thursday, August 14. Entries must be in before August 10, and planes sent to the Association before August 13.

Two matches in the Wu Teh-chen Cup Basketball tourney, which were to have been played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday evening were postponed owing to bad weather. The games were between Sing Tao and Wah Kiu and Police and Recreation Club.

The Third Round Colony Lawn Bowls Championship game between Rinks skipped by C. S. Rosset and C. Strange and the Second Division Lawn Bowls League game between Kowloon Football Club and Prison Officers' Club, which were to have been played yesterday, were postponed owing to the threatening typhoon.

Dazzling Double Killing Smothers Belated Rally

(By "Grandstand")

THE RESUSCITATED CHUNG HWA BASEBALL LEAGUE FLAG HOPES SUFFERED A DEATH BLOW WHEN THE MINDANAO MERRY-MAKERS TROUNCED THE MAROONS 14 TO 1 LAST SATURDAY BEHIND LOU PAWLOSKI'S THREE-HIT MOUND PERFORMANCE, CLIMAXED BY A DAZZLING DOUBLE-KILLING IN THE LAST CHAPTER TO SMOTHER A BELATED RALLY, WHILST SUNDAY'S TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR WASHED OUT THE MINDANAO-SOUTH CHINA TILT.

The Potent Rolack had the Chung Hwa men eating out of his hands, and whiffed no less than 10 Maroons, who had more strikes called on them than a union, whilst losing chucker Wally Ching sent seven Minnies back to the bench for a drink of water, but issued free transportation to the initial station to six Pawloskimen and was charged with one wild pitch.

Speedy Centre-gardener Earl Wilson, inaugurating the first chapter for the Minnies looked at two straight pitches and swung at a high one for the first strike-out. "Crooner" Ruel singled, and Pawloski laid down a honey of a dump to put ducks in the pond, whilst cleaner-upper Tony Mascavage worked slabster Ching to two-and-three before he drew a pass to load the sacks, but McKenzie fouled out and R. Wilson tapped out a feeble roller to end the scoring threat. In the Maroons' half, Dick Chung, Longy Loong and Bil Chang went out in order for a scoreless frame.

A w.k. a triple assisted, by a trio of errors saw two Mindanao tallies cross the pan in the second, whilst the Laumen took advantage of "Greasy" Moore's bobble to chalk up their lone counter. In the third the Pawloskimen added another tally on a single, and turned on the heat in the fifth when they ran up five runs on the score-board on a bunting ram-page.

The scoring gates were closed in the sixth but the Minnies loaded the bases twice in the seventh to produce a cluster of six markers to stow the game away on ice. With the exception of the second chapter, when Morocco Chan

Table To Date			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
J.L.S.S. Mindanao	6	1	.857
Hong Kong Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	4	3	.571
J.L.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	5	.286
South China	1	6	.143

* Since withdrawn.

rumped over the plate standing up on Moore's fumble, the Maroons were horse-collared for the rest of the game. In the last frame Chung Hwa first-sacker Morocco Chan slashed a sizzler over third, Wally Ching, next up, connected for an ankle-cutter headed for the hot corner, but third-sacker Bowersox came up with it clean and rifled his peg across the diamond to toss out the runner by a step, whilst first-sacker Henry Ruel "air-mailed" the apple back to third, where Morocco Chan was tagged out by a whisker for the only twin-erasure of the scuffle.

Both Henry Ruel and Maroon first-sacker Morocco Chan came through with two in three batting performances, the former driving in one of his mates, whilst Lou Pawloski added his own cause with a pair of little big hits, when he had the Chung Hwa infield bamboozled with his bunt stratagem.

Groneck's Big Hit

Right gardener Groneck connected for the longest hit of the day, when he clubbed Wally Ching's first offering into deep centre and scampered home on a wild heave.

THE SHORT-STOP GAP WAS A YAWNING HOLE IN THE MINDANAO RUN-MAKING MACHINE. AS "GREASY" MOORE, GUARDIAN OF THE WINDY ALLEY, FUMBELED BOTH CHANCES THAT CAME HIS WAY, FOR THE ONLY MISCUSES, IN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A FLAWLESS FIELDING DISPLAY.

Sound Umpiring

Despite the not-too-complimentary remarks of a certain leather-tossled umpire batter, regarding "Sarge" Welford's eye-sight, the Sapper mentor stepped into the breach last Saturday and called a fine game, after the umpire appointed had failed to show up. The fighting Sapper was careful in his work and showed real determination and speed in calling the pitches and seeing that they "stay called".

Fans who go out to the ball park every week are very often under the impression that umpires belong to some unnatural species of mankind, possessing infallible judgment, and heaven help the

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Ability to maintain a constant position throughout a wide backswing is one golfing fundamental the average player often finds hard to achieve. Not only is there danger of a sway to the right as the club is taken back but there is an additional tendency to raise or straighten the upper part of the body. Both of these conditions have a tendency to impair the accuracy of the swing. At address the stroke moves from a fixed centre, like the spokes of a wheel, and the movements, detailed here, result in changing this centre. The descending swing in such instances is likely to be inaccurate.

By allowing the body to turn freely underneath the head, which remains anchored in one spot, the stroke is certain to be more accurately grooved. That is precisely what Patty Berg, the Minneapolis star, is doing here. So complete is the turn that at the top of the stroke, her back is presented to the hole. A



star at 17, Miss Berg was often troubled by an unsound stance and swing, but, nervousness, her courage and determined play however carried her to many championships at that early age, despite these handicaps and patient practice has since eradicated them. Next Article:—Long Driving.

C.P.A. Aquatic Gala

The Chinese Pressmen's Association will hold their third annual aquatic meeting at Chinese Bathing Club on Sunday, August 17, commencing at 2 p.m.

Following is the programme:—
Cross-Harbour Race.
50 Metres free-style.
Men's 200 Metres Relay (Open to the Colony).
Ladies' 200 Metres Relay (Open to the Colony).
50 Metres back-stroke.
200 Metres breast-stroke.
100 Metres Medley Race.
One Mile Sampan Race.
Throwing the Water-polo ball.

S.C.A.A. GALA TO-NIGHT

South China Athletic Association are holding their second swimming gala of the season to-night at their pavilion, North Point, commencing at 7.30. Following is the programme.

Men's 50 Metres free-style.
Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke.
Ladies' 100 Metres free-style.
Men's 50 Metres breast-stroke.
50 Metres handicap (training class).
Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke (handicap).
50 Metres blind-fold race.
Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke (handicap).
diving and water-polo (South China v Chinese Bathing Club).

AQUATIC TRIALS AT V.R.C. TO-NIGHT

Swimming trials to aid the selection of the team to represent Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. in the charity gala on Saturday next against Combined Chinese will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at V.R.C.

BASEBALL

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arbitrator who calls a doubtful pitch with which the grandstand jury does not agree.

When it is realised that a plate umpire has to make about 200 decisions an afternoon, perhaps his unpleasant task will be viewed in another light.

The Kowloon Cricket Club concert and dinner, which was to be held on Saturday, has been postponed to Saturday, August 10.

CENTURY FOR BILL EDRICH

With the majority of the leading players in action, cricket was the main holiday attraction in England yesterday.

A crowd of 20,000 saw a combined Middlesex and Essex side score 412 for 6 declared against a combined Kent and Surrey side at Lord's yesterday, the outstanding feature being 102 by Squadron leader Bill Edrich, England Test cricketer. The match concluded today.

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 32 runs, Worcester scoring 139 and Warwick 107.

Northamptonshire, scoring 165 for 8 declared, drew with Leicestershire who scored 13 for 1.

London Counties, comprising the leading southern players, scored 163, O'Connor of Essex hitting up 60, and drew with the Mayor of Southgate's team, who scored 23 for 4.

Derby, 216 for 6 declared, drew with Nottinghamshire, who scored 57 for 1. Reuter.

TWO HAT TRICKS

A two-day cricket match took place over the week-end between a British Empire team and Metropolitan Police, British Empire winning by 153 runs.

Remarkable bowling marked the match. T. Oliver, of Police, took 6 for 35, including the hat trick in the Empire's second innings, but Police in their second innings found C. B. Clarke, West Indies Test player, practically unplayable. Clarke took all 10 wickets for 29, including the hat trick. Scores: British Empire.—172 and 148-9 (declared).

Police.—95 and 72.—Reuter.

Philippine Club are holding an American Tennis Tournament on Sunday, August 17.

COLONY TENNIS THEN AND NOW

By "Incog"

IN WEATHER LIKE we are having at the time of writing, when the order of the day appears to be rain, rain and more rain, one may be forgiven for being a little retrospective. It has its merits and demerits, to my mind, the former only when the accusation of being long-winded cannot be hurled without some justification.

I have been glancing through a list of some of the Colony's tennis champions of the past, and names like H. A. Nisbet, Ng Sze-kwong, "Sammy" Green, and the Hancock brothers come to mind quickly.

Compared to the champions of to-day, these players would perhaps be regarded as "slow on the feet," but I dare venture the opinion, without any fear of contradiction, that any of them could have given the present-day champions lessons on courtcraft, and a point or two in the matter of stroke production.

Kent's Back-Hand

I am almost tempted to include the names of the Rumjahn's in this list of former topflight players, because they first crashed their way into prominence on the local courts in the early 20's, but the fact that they still figure so prominently amongst the leading players now makes me rather hesitant. There is another name that should, to my mind, also be included amongst those mentioned above—that of N. E. Kent, whose rather unique way of executing the backhand, with the racket held almost horizontally always intrigued me.

More latterly, the Lo brothers also made their presence felt in the tennis firmament here, and for many years we were provided with some scintillating tennis by "Kam" and "Wel," who won the doubles title in 1920, and for many years stayed at the top of the ladder.

More Interest

Somehow, it seems to me that more interest was taken in tennis in those days. I remember that League matches also drew large crowds, especially from 1921 to about 1923/24, when the meetings of Chinese R.C. and their friendly rivals, Indian R.C., always provided first-class tennis after the best holiday fashion.

League tennis in those days was confined to just the "A" and "B" Divisions, and because the programme was not so bulky, matches were played on Saturdays. I suppose that was one reason why more people went to the matches. The system of scoring was quite different too, each pair having to meet the three opposing ones in "best-of-11-games" matches, the side

scoring the most games at the end of the day claiming the points.

Standard Higher

But I am drifting from my subject. So, reverting to the question of champions of yesterday and to-day, I will risk treading on somebody's corns by saying that, although the standard of tennis to-day is definitely higher than it was say twenty years ago, there is something that we had in the old days that is missing now. I don't quite know what it is, but it is missing all the same. Maybe it was the informality about the whole thing that was so attractive. People went on to the courts then with a casualness that made tennis more entertaining.

And this, let me hasten to add, is no slur on our present-day players. Insofar as sportsmanship is concerned, there has never been any deterioration. Indeed, this very essential part of any player's make-up has improved. If anything, with time, but it seems to me that games are taken all too seriously, and I am sure it will be generally agreed that an over-dose of seriousness in any sport detracts from its drawing powers—just as much as too much frivolity.

FAMOUS RACEHORSE RETIRES

Bimelech—"The Mighty Bimelech" as he had been termed—is to be retired. This famous American racehorse proved a great money maker and yet may best be remembered for two big failures.

In the Kentucky Derby last year he was one of the hottest favourites in the history of that event, starting at 2 to 1 on; yet he was beaten by two lengths by a 25 to 1 chance, Gallahadion. Then in the £10,000 Widener Cup race at Miami last March he again started an odds on favourite but was beaten into fourth place.

Despite those set-backs Bimelech was a wonderful horse. He was adjudged the best three-year-old last year and is estimated to have won more than £60,000 for his owner, Col. E. R. Bradley.

KARL KOZELUH RANKS AMONG TENNIS STARS

Karl Kozeluh, famous internationalist, ranks with the tennis greats, Tilden, Lacoste, Cochet, Budge and Perry.

"Tilden and Lacoste stand out," explains Professional Kozeluh, the one-time American Davis Cup team coach. "The others are close."

"Tilden was always good every day."

"Vines had one good year. A great player will stay up there for four or five years. Look how long Tilden was on top. He is still formidable and he is 48 years old."

"Perry was a better all-round player than Budge, but I believe Budge at his peak could have beaten the Englishman. Budge quit amateur tennis a year before he hit his peak. Budge and Perry outside on grass—that would be a match to see. Indoors on canvas, that is not tennis."

"Vines had a good serve and forehand but no backhand. Ellsworth's footwork was not good, either."

Perry Smart

"Perry had perhaps the best footwork. He was a smart player. Vines and Stiefen had the best serves. They were tall. Tilden's was great, too."

"I did not see William M. Johnston at his best. He was little and very quick. California style. He was great for two or three sets, but in championship tennis a man must be good for five sets."

"Lott was the best doubles man. He won the championship with three different partners."

"Riggs is the best amateur to-day, but he may not win any more. He argues with his wife. A man must concentrate to play winning tennis. Fighting with a wife is no good."

Tilden, The Kingpin

"Kovacs is a funny fellow. He makes shots nobody else can make, but he is not good every day."

"McNeil is just a swinger. When he is hitting he can give anybody a game, but that is not often enough."

"Suzanne Lenglen was the greatest woman player who ever lived. She was like a boy on the court. Alice Marble would have no chance with her. Lenglen, then Helen Wills Moody Roark, then perhaps Marble, Molla Bursstedt Malory was very good, but not good enough for Lenglen or Moody."

They all agree on Suzanne Lenglen and Big Bill Tilden.

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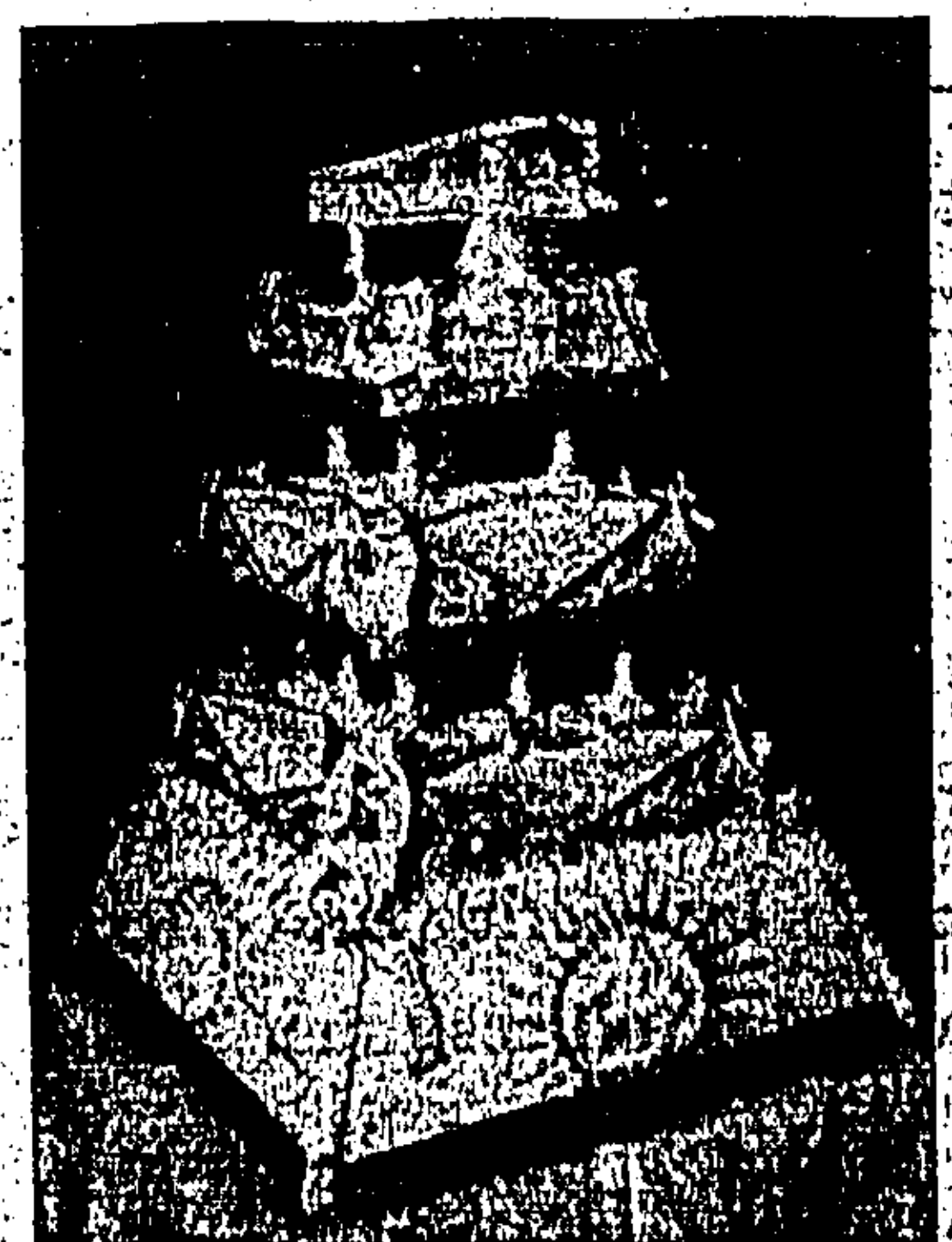
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An official communiqué issued in Cairo states: "Air raid alarms were sounded last (Sunday) evening by the Governorates and several provinces of Egypt. Bombs were dropped in the Suez Canal area, causing the death of seventeen people and injuring 58. Slight damage was done to property."

—British Wireless.

INTERIM DIVIDEND BY H.K. ELECTRIC

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd., agents of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., announce that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors held this morning an Interim Dividend of 80 cents per share was declared in respect of the half year ended 30th June 1941 on 900,000 old shares.

This dividend will be payable on and after Thursday, September 11, 1941, to those shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members at the close of business on Saturday, August 30, 1941.

Sydney Speech By Minister Of War

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian Minister for War, in a speech in Sydney yesterday, said that Australia was looking at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes.

"Our most earnest endeavour is to preserve peace in the Pacific, but we are not prepared to give up, at the gunpoint, the interests and imperial possessions which is our joint responsibility to guard, nor see them whittled away by stealthy encroachment and infiltration.

"India-China, Malaya and Thailand are as close neighbours to Australia as to Japan. We look with misgiving on the arrival of Japanese forces in Indo-China.

"Indications are not lacking that Japan intends going even further. The talk by Japan of protection is only a cynical pretext for unblushing aggression.

"Australia, if necessary, will give ringing proof that she means to control her destiny. The ninety thousand Australian troops already abroad will be substantially increased.

"More than 160,000 have enlisted in the A.I.F., which was equivalent, on the population basis, to 3,000,000 Americans, while 250,000 militia men are maintaining home defence."

—Reuter.

Britain To Buy Surplus

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. N. Fraser, has cabled to Wellington stating that the United Kingdom has agreed to buy for the duration of the war, and for a year after that, New Zealand's linen-flax crop from 25,000 acres.

Prices for 1941-42 and 1942-43 have already been agreed upon, and the prices after that will also be fixed by mutual agreement.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, described this arrangement as most satisfactory and said that the increased average would necessitate the erection of six more processing factories, sites for which have already been acquired.

Mr. Sullivan added that apart from supplying Britain with fibre, and it was less than a year since she undertook growing flax for Britain, New Zealand had supplied £35,000 worth of pedigree seed for Britain, India, Egypt and Australia, exceeding the original seed received from Britain. — Reuter.

EXCHANGE CONTROL OFFICE

The Exchange Control Office moved into its new home this morning when the Department's business was, for the first time, conducted in the north-west corner of the main hall of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Mr. D. Kelvin Stark, Assistant Financial Secretary (Exchange), in an interview with the "China Mail" said that, as a result of the change-over, the smoothworking of the Department has been greatly facilitated.

"The work is progressing very satisfactorily. It is like being in a new climate here, but apart from that, I am afraid I have been much too busy to be able to give any sort of statement," he said, adding, however, that he would endeavour to do so to-morrow.

STOP PRESS

At a meeting held in the Peninsula Hotel of the Evacuation Representation Committee it was decided to send a letter to the Senior Unofficial Member of Legislative Council placing the position before him of the husbands in all its aspects, moral, physical, financial etc; and instructing him to place the whole before the Council. It having come to the Committee's notice that women are still entering the Colony under one pretext or another, certain names were given to the Hon. Secretary by a Member of Committee and enquiries are in progress.

A strong warning to the civilian population of Malaya against thinking and acting as if the present Far Eastern crisis would solve itself peacefully just because numerous other Far Eastern crises were so solved recently, was expressed in the leading article of to-day's issue of the "Singapore Free Press."

The newspaper declares "there is certainly no need for an alarmist view regarding the future — but it is dangerous to ignore signs."

Examining these signs, the newspaper says "the only comfort about the present situation is the weakness of the Japanese home front which is in no condition to stand the strain of a war against Great Britain, the Netherlands East Indies and probably America."

However, quite apart from the fanatical extremists, the "Japanese leaders may feel that an attack against Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies would not leave Japan in a worse position than she is in to-day. It will either succeed or fail and will give a better excuse for the unhappy state of affairs existing in Japan."

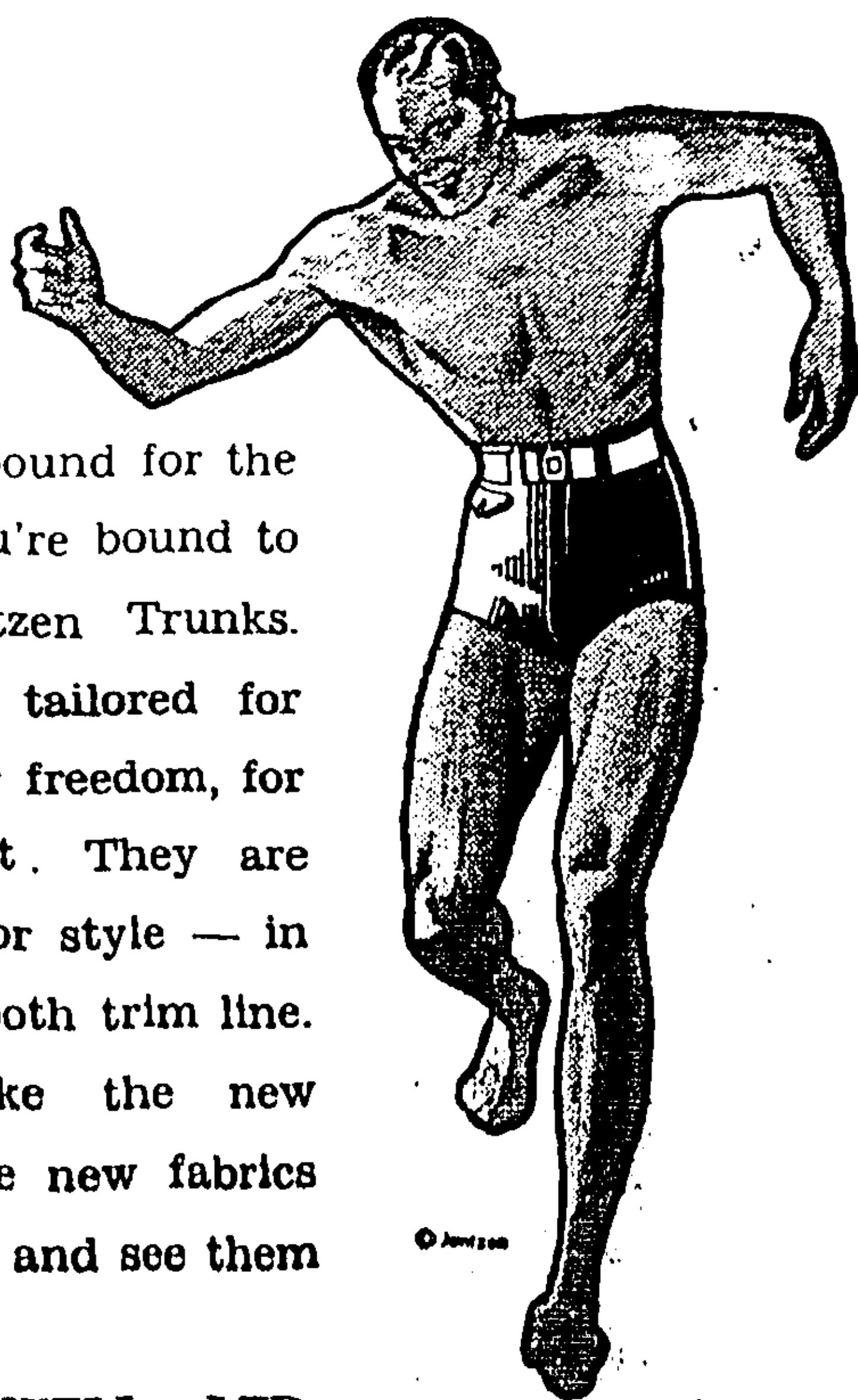
The only safe policy, therefore, is to assume that "Japan won't stop where she is," the newspaper concludes, and advocates that the finishing touches forthwith be put to complete defence and economic arrangements. — Reuter.

Fifty-two Japanese planes raided Hunan and Kwangsi towns yesterday. Nine enemy planes came over Hengyang, dropping a number of bombs, while the rest attacked Chensien, Leiyang, Kiyang, Yangshutan and Kweilin in separate groups. — Central News Service.

A 35-year-old Chinese soldier made a successful escape from Argyle Street Internment Camp shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

The belief that if China, the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia make the economic blockade against Japan watertight, Japan will collapse economically was expressed by Dr. Quo Tai-chi yesterday. — Central News.

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